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I have been watching the Bonneville Power Administration attempt to dupe the public into thinking that by following a realistic Salmon recovery program energy rates are going to sky rocket, as the BPA knows this is not true. The public, when asked, has stated over and over that it is willing to see an increase in power rates for a sustainable salmon population. As shown by the NW energy coalition, energy cost for those users of BPA power in Portland would pay about 1.5% more, in Seattle 2.1% more and those that get all of thier power from BPA 6.8%. Not exactly earthshattering increases. BPA has also resisted spilling water over dams to assist salmon smolts migrating downstream. Again the BPA threatens the public with higher prices but, the truth is, prices dropped last summer when the court ordered water to be spilled to assist salmon. The BPA must stop stone walling and put into practice a realistic, science based plan to recover salmonids in the Columbia and Snake river systems. The economic payback in tourism and sport fishing dollars would be huge. The BPA would save money by having a consistent managable plan in place, rather than spending millions of dollars trying to resist doing the right thing. The river and its fish are not the BPA's to destroy