

## 2003 mainstem comment

I haven't read, nor will I be reading, the Northwest Power Planning Council recommendations for fish & wildlife. I would like to make one comment. Recently, it was reported in our local newspaper that, due to the drought, exceptions would be made to the MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOWS for the benefit of power, or irrigation, or something. This is just ridiculous to me!!!! These are MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOWS set for the sake of fish--they are MINIMUM instream flows!!!! At the very least, whatever decisions are made, there should be no exceptions to the minimum instream flows! These minimum instream flows are pathetic enough as it is----respect them!!

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