

The importance of water is like the importance of the sun.

Without it life would cease to exist. Surprisingly, a very small percent of the Earth's water is fresh and that percent is dwindling.

So why not help the poor animals who live in this ever smaller percent of fresh water and even salt water. One of these dying

species is the salmon who cannot reach their spawning grounds because of useless dams that we do not need. Lets step forward as the most powerful beings and use our power to help

the dying Earth. I propose we take down those dams and help the salmon who feed not only bears and birds but, the trees who get fertilized from the dying salmon.

Please Help!

Rachel Hoch

Auburn

California

Life is really so easy to protect. The only prerequisite to a sustainable community is that we make life a priority...the top priority.

This is the case in regards to the threatened salmon of northern California. This land is a land of plenty. The abundance here is beyond what much of the world can conceive for their native region. I do not fear going hungry because I live in this fertile valley...

Which is why we, the humans living here do not need to hoard resources from other species, such as salmon. There are many dams in northern California that are no longer being used for their intended purpose, if at all. It is time (as in, it is better late than never) to remove these dams with a quickness.

Of course, it takes resources to deconstruct a dam: Time, materials, and peoplepower. I would love to volunteer to help deconstruct a dam. I believe there are many others who would say the same. It would be worth it for joy alone.

Meagan Nichole Fischer
Meagan Fischer
Chico, CA

the ocean. We all come from the goddess and to her we shall return like a drop of rain flowing to

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Dear Readers

My concern is about the Yuba River. The Yuba River dams need to be taken down, because not only is it important for the Salmon to be able to spawn, but also important for the Yuba River. Since the dams were used to heal the ^{Yuba} River due to hydrolic gold mining, I see no reason in to not take them down. They are hindering the Salmon from getting back to the breeding grounds, leading to a collapse in the Salmon population. This is a major concern of mine. I ~~only wish~~ ^{only wish} for the best to our environment and ^{the} Salmon population.


With all my heart. 

Adi Carpenter

Gebsopol, California

Water, one of the most precious things on this planet, gets treated as if it were an endless and cheap substance every day. Treated like it were another one of our disposable, pre-packaged, consumables.

One of the big problems I see with our use of water in California (and in many other states) is the use of wasteful sprinkler irrigation in agriculture and in home landscaping. People water during the middle of the day when much of the water evaporates and is wasted, ~~and is wasted~~, and many others I know of, support the use of drip irrigation for a larger group of plants than is being used in general as of now. The cost may be greater now, but it will be a priceless gift for future generations.



Santa Cruz, CA

Water is a VERY Important Resource For All ~~the~~ Living
Creatures Not Just Humans. Like ~~the~~ Salmon of the yuon
River, The Dams are Blocking them from returning to their
Birth Place, which would keep them from respo~~nding~~ng their!

THE DAMS MUST COME
DOWN!

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SAN LEANDRO
CA, USA, EARTH

Water is sacred to people, and it has been sacred for ~~far~~ longer than it has been a source of profit. It is the source of the river that needs to be protected and cared for.

all things have needs, all living things need water.

~~we~~ we don't have time to look at the ~~effect~~ way water connects to ~~what is, alive~~ every living thing. we need to act now. we know nature has the ability to heal some wounds, many wounds, rather than fix nature we need to help her. Help the earth restore it's water sheds. Help it heal it's oceans. what have we done that we could take back. what ~~poisons~~ toxins, what dams, what water have we taken, are still taking, that we could give back.

in the end we can live without money, without oil, without cars or big houses. we will never live without water, and we will never thrive without the water from our streams, our rivers, our lakes. it belongs to us, and every thing alive. ~~because it is~~ some people will say it can be taken away, but the trees will never say that, the salmon will never say that, and I will never say that. ~~I will say~~ the trees know what they ~~want,~~ need. the fish know what they need. and in the end we need the trees and the fish. Right know they need us. and we know why.

Simon, Maine

The water of the yuba river has gone down, and that in part, is because of all the people not conserving the water, and taking it for granted. We need to raise awareness about whats going on and we also need to realize that salmon population has gone down around 95% (I think... I may be wrong). To raise the salmon population we could, no should, take down the dams blocking the salmon from getting to old spawning areas. If we could do that the ~~the~~ salmon population would go up, maybe not quickly, but over time. Back to the water issue, I'm not sure how many people know this, but there is a island made out of plastic in the middle of the ocean the size of Texas. And the size is only the part above the water, now we have to estimate how many miles deep that is and multiply that by the area to find the mass and then see how large it really is.

Rhiannon San Rafael

To whomever it may concern (which is everyone),

Many dams have been constructed ^{in order to} to preserve and maintain a water supply, to make recreational lakes, and for other reasons. All of those dams add up. They constrict the flow of water (so we build more dams to hold in what little we get), and they interfere with the lives of many animals. One of those animals is the salmon.

Salmon are important to the ecosystem in ways you may not know. They are food sources for a wide variety of species, be they land animals, freshwater animals, saltwater animals, or flying animals. In other words, they feed things from all of the spheres. And not just carnivorous animals. Dead salmon nourish the earth. ~~They~~ They provide sustenance to so many creatures that it would be a disaster if they went extinct.

The dams are blocking the salmon from reaching their places where they spawn. With less places to reproduce, it's only a matter of time before this important species is lost. Clearly we can't remove all the dams, but we can remove the ones blocking the salmon. Also, if unimportant dams were removed, there would be more water flowing and, thus, more water. It's in everyone's best interests to lessen the amount of dams in the Bay Area.

Ralyn Mathews



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We need to start taking down dams that are blocking the salmon from going to their spawning grounds. Also, we must stop fighting them away, there are so many fish that can substitute for salmon that we should just eat them. Also, conserve more water! It is our lifesource and we must keep it clean.

✓ Sincerely from,
Aidan Thawley

SF, CA

Water, Water Flowing - down, down, down - Always moving
Swirling, Spinning, Changing -
there cannot be life without water
we all need to have our fill, but without wastfulness.
When the streams are blocked by dams
how can the Salmon return Home?
Home to the streams where they were born
and where their children must be born.
we all need water
and there is water for all, if it is made free
to those who need it - All of us...
but how can the salmon return
to the Yuba River and to so many others
when the way is blocked by dams?
Perhaps dams that are not even used anymore.
and they must return.
It is necessary! for the continuation of the Earth
be mindful of our waters - waters that we all cherish.
water, water Flowing - spinning, swirling, changing
Always moving
down, down, down
to the sea...



we as humans may be land dwellers, but we are surprisingly dependent on the resources that come from the water. So, even if one doesn't care about marine life, one ~~can~~ can still realize that protecting marine life is important to ones self. For me, personally, I am quite passionate about the ocean. There are so many potential medical benefits to the unknown (and known) plants that are in the ocean. Unfortunately, due to pollution we may never figure out these medical benefits. Even something small, like chemical fertilizer, can leak into the ocean, cause an over populated algae bloom which then causes a chain reaction in which most animals and plants die, leaving the area desolate. Even animals may hold the key to medical benefits, scientists say that sponges may ~~be~~ hold the cure to arthritis. In order for marine life to thrive, however, the ecosystem must maintain a healthy balance, or risk a serious depletion in their population. Even if ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~doesn't~~ doesn't want to go out of their way to help, you as a consumer, can help by ~~buying~~ ~~buying~~ ~~buying~~ buying products that do not harm the environment, shopping and buying organic fruits and vegetables can help. Not buying salmon, herring, shark, ~~sea~~ sailfish, or ~~about~~ a frequent number of any other marine life ~~can~~ will also help.

Thanks for reading this,

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Water, think about the many ways we use it today, Everything

from a drink to quench your thirst on a hot day to the private swimming pools. We humans use water constantly in our day to day life and we take it for granted. But we are not the only beings on this planet that need water. For example salmon because of gold mining almost 150 years ago some salmon cannot follow their path back upstream to where they were born because of dams. So by cutting off ~~the~~ sections of water we have made many animals, including the salmon lose their original habitat. If we take these dams down not only will the fish population be larger but all the important nutrients that they provided to the plants and animals in the area. But the truth is that many people don't even know where their water is coming from and what is being hurt because of it. If they knew that their water came from a creek or river up in the mountains that is being hurt or damaged because of the blocking of the stream they might ~~not~~ use less water. Think about it how many gallons of water are in a swimming pool, then think about all the pools in the world that are being provided with water. Then on top of that think of all the water that humans use for cooking & drinking. Lastly think of all the water we use for cleanliness. I don't know about you but I think we're using more than our share of water. When you're thinking about taking a long hot shower think of all the places that water could have gone and try a short hot shower instead.

Hilary Buffum
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When you take that hour long shower EVERY DAY
do you think about where it's coming from and who it's effecting?
Right now in America we're on the verge of a drought which is
totally unnecessary! It's not hard to use less; people just don't want to
give up their wasteful ways, or are just too lazy; even I do stuff like
running the shower and walking away for a few minute while it warms
up.

Another issue is the dams. ^{When} The Salmon try to swim up ~~to~~ the
river are being stopped by the dams and are then forced to
spawn way lower than is normal, since salmon always try to
make it back to the very river they were born in. Some of
these dam aren't even needed so were just hurting the salmon
for nothing at all.

I've seen the beauty of the Yuba river and
wish that I could say it's ^{water is} being used for good uses
and not just going to water an unused lawn.

Ingrid Pollyak

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~~PLEASE DONATE TO THE SALMON~~

As we all know water is a very important part of life. But in today's world we take it granted much more than we should. Water is not only important for humans but of all life on Earth. One life form we share water with is the salmon. The salmon need water to make the long trip to the sea and back. But we have put dams on the Yuba River blocking the water and salmon. This fish is slowly becoming smaller in numbers we need to step in and do something. By taking down the dams and letting the water run free I believe we can help the salmon.

Thank you,

Athens Knowles Nevada City CA.


Dear Reader

This letter is to inform you of the importance of water usage and water rights in our world today. We must not forget the importance of water resources on earth, water is the very lifeblood of this planet and without it we would not survive. To pollute, damage, interrupt or cut off the living waterways and oceans is to tamper with the interconnectedness of all life on earth, this carelessness must not be let to continue if we wish to sustain life on our planet. Action must be taken to preserve and encourage the health of all watersystems and ecosystems alike unless we wish to continue on a course of ruin and despair, rather than healing and joy and the abundance of bountiful natural resources.

- Max Brown
from
Austin, TX

Water has existed since before humans and animals alike walked the earth. All things living once crawled from the ocean, born of water. To deny any creature the right to their own life's blood, their own life's origin, is a crime deserving of an unfathomable sentence. Dams are erected, and so salmon are denied a sanctuary in which to spawn. Oil spills are mindlessly left adrift, and many fish and sea creatures are denied their own breath. Even the price tag on water humans use every day is an injustice. To take something which we all need and make us work and sweat and pay for it is a cruel and gross endeavour on the part of those using our natural needs to create a profit for themselves. We must tear down the dams; clean the water, and remove the price tag; free the water, and acknowledge every creature's right to live and breathe.

Sequoia

Newark City, CA 

I live on the Sycuba River; here in Northern California, it is a beautiful, sacred Place that is very dear to me. But in the 1940's it was devastated ~~but~~ by the creation of hydraulic mining. To repair the damage that was done two dams were built to ~~catch~~ collect the sediments, ~~at~~ ~~the~~ these dams are now obsolete and are devastating ~~the~~ the populations of a very sacred ~~fish~~ fish, the Salmon, salmon come to the same streams or tributaries to spawn in every generation, and the dams are blocking these fish from reaching these areas. Salmon feed 137 ~~sp~~ species, ~~at~~ not only are these dams devastating ~~the~~ the ~~fish~~ salmon but all 137 others, causing an extreme impact on birds, bears, ~~wolves~~ wolves, wolverines, and even the creatures of the sea. So by the salmon going extinct it will take ~~the~~ much more along with it. Pratt
Nevada (city)
California

Water is needed for lots of creatures such as Jellyfish, Seahorses and salmon. Now these creatures need their water to be clean in order to survive, now if you think of that well then you think of how much gasoline is being used, the dams holding the salmon from returning home, the trash we put in rivers, what we are doing when we do that is make it much harder if not impossible to survive. If you're thinking well these creatures don't matter, well that's not true. When you go to a Food Store and buy salmon to eat you're eating creatures that were like you once these souls and hearts were there and, eating that, now I'm not telling you not to eat salmon, but I am asking you to consider the fact that they want to live to.

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