

RESOLUTION 2022-11

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF LEWISTON'S SUPPORT IN KEEPING THE LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAMS AND PROTECTING AND PRESERVING SALMON FISH SPECIES

WHEREAS, the four lower Snake River dams produce hydropower as well as make barge traffic possible starting downriver with Ice Harbor Dam and ending upriver with Lower Granite Dam;

WHEREAS, critics of the lower Snake River dams worry about cumulative impacts of this series of dams on salmon fish species' survival and advocate for dam removal;

WHEREAS, City of Lewiston residents share general consensus for protecting and preserving salmon fish species that pass by these dams; however, they do not share consensus for removal of the lower Snake River dams as necessary to increase survival of these fish species;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston benefits from the lower Snake River dams including clean, renewable, and sustainable base load electricity, water transportation for goods, recreation, and cruise boat tourism;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston is currently investing over \$80 million dollars in its public water and wastewater systems, and removal of the lower Snake River dams would require the reconstruction of these systems;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston draws its water supply from the Clearwater River, and removal of the lower Snake River dams would require significant alteration to the intake, sediment removal, and treatment of the raw water;

WHEREAS, the City of Lewiston is protected by a levee system with multiple ponds that treat and remove sediment from storm water, and removal of the lower Snake River dams would require significant reinvestment in how the City of Lewiston's storm water is managed;

WHEREAS, the Lewiston City Council held an Open House on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, hosting members from both sides of the issue to share information with members of the public about

the impacts of keeping or breaching the lower Snake River dams and to obtain feedback from the public; and

WHEREAS, the feedback from citizens obtained at the Lewiston City Council's Open House indicated that a majority of attendees supported preserving the lower Snake River dams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into and made part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The City of Lewiston hereby expresses its support for keeping the lower Snake River dams and protecting and preserving salmon fish species.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____ 2022.

CITY OF LEWISTON

By: _____
Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kari J. Ravencroft, City Clerk