



# The Enterprise

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## Comments on fishery were opinions only

It should have been pointed out in last weeks Enterprise (April 5, 2007) that Mr. Rhoades' comments regarding Condit Dam and its associated fishery were purely opinion by a lay individual with no biological background whatsoever. He has no more authoritative expertise to critique a fishery program than I have to critique criminal court procedures.

I wonder if Mr. Rhoades would even know the difference between a world class fishery and a good Snooker game. By the way, we have excellent fisheries at the mouths of the Klickitat, Deschutes and Wind rivers and the mouth of the Columbia River. Why would anyone think the White Salmon River would be any different?

I also understand that Mr. Rhoades doesn't even sport fish. So let's not get the impression he is an expert on fishery issues. Every State, Federal, and Native American biological fishery agency with whom I have communicated believe, without exception, that the White Salmon River and its associated fishery populations would benefit from Condit Dam removal. Now that's real authoritative expertise!

I won't tell Mr. Rhoades how to play golf if he doesn't tell professional biologists how to deal with fishery issues.

Could it be that there are land development special interests....interests pertaining to acreage on the adjacent slopes of Northwestern Lake and the potential view of the small reservoir that may be a strong aesthetic selling point for some people's rationale for continued existence of Condit Dam? Just wondering!

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