

Rachael Gangelhoff

From: Save Oregon Reservoirs <saveoregonreservoirs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 3:34 PM
To: Rachael Gangelhoff
Cc: CityRecorder
Subject: Re: NO TO DEEP DRAWDOWNS - LEAVE DETROIT RESERVOIR ALONE

Sure!

Jess Martin is my name.

There's no ward number in Detroit so I'll give you my ward number in Eugene, Ward 1.

Thank you,

On Mon, Sep 22, 2025 at 3:24 PM Rachael Gangelhoff <rgangelhoff@cityofsalem.net> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We are unable to accept anonymous comment for City Council meetings. Please provide your name and address or Ward Number to allow us to add your comments to the meeting record.

Alternatively, you may direct your comments directly to CityCouncil@cityofsalem.net.

Regards,

Rachael Gangelhoff, CMC

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From: Save Oregon Reservoirs <saveoregonreservoirs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 3:13 PM
To: CityRecorder <CityRecorder@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: NO TO DEEP DRAWDOWNS - LEAVE DETROIT RESERVOIR ALONE

Hello from an Oregon resident, and Detroit property owner.

The obsession of activists with salmon is about to endanger the water source of a quarter million people plus additional negative consequences.

The salmon activists are intentionally putting us in a State of emergency. This is ridiculous.

The conditions of the Detroit environment have changed since the biological opinion was created. A great majority of the pine trees have burned in the fire, so the area has become drier, if you take water away, you will only be putting us and our properties further at risk. Also toxic ash from the fire is at the bottom of the lake, which you plan to push into the water system.

Deep drawdowns will have a negative effect on farming. Water is essential for farming and farming is essential for the local communities. Some years where it rains less, it will have an effect on tourism which means less money coming into the State.

Moving forward with this is ignoring what was learned from the Green Peter experience, except for this will be worse.

The State is losing funds left and right and you're wanting to spend \$8Million dollars on water treatment upgrades which, may or may not do the trick. This will end up costing taxpayers way more than you have the courage to admit.

Messing with the Detroit Reservoir is IRRESPONSIBLE, as is prioritizing salmon over people.

LEAVE OUR DETROIT RESERVOIR ALONE!!!! I oppose the Detroit deep drawdown. Activists need to get a job and stop wasting our money and time.

Thank you,

Rachael Gangelhoff

From: CitizensUnited4Reason <CitizensUnited4Reason@proton.me>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 3:44 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: I OPPOSE the Detroit Lake Drawdown!

Greetings,

My name is Noah Micheal. and this is my written public comment for tonight's meeting.

The plan to drop the reservoir to the lowest level in its history in fall 2026 to help endangered salmon swim through the dam is putting the quality of water for a quarter million people plus additional negative consequences.

You are intentionally putting everyone in Salem and Stayon in a State of emergency which is absolutely preposterous!

The conditions of the Detroit environment have changed since the biological opinion was created. A great majority of the pine trees have burned in the fire in 2020, so the area has become drier and more toxic, If you do the draw downs, you will only be putting us and our properties further at risk. Are you taking the toxic ash from the fires into context that sit at the bottom of the lake, which you plan to push into the water system. How about the toxicity and turbidity of the water between the dam and the water treatment plant? Are you taking that into consideration? Do you know people swim and raft down the North Santiam River?

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The State is losing funds left and right and you're wanting to spend \$8 Million dollars on water treatment upgrades which, may or may not do the trick. This will end up costing taxpayers way more than you have the courage to admit. All projects take longer and cost way more money than anticipated. As a very experienced Senior Project Manager I know this for a fact.

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PLEASE LEAVE OUR DETROIT RESERVOIR ALONE! I oppose the Detroit deep drawdown.

Thanks,

Noah Michael

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

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From: Billy Terry <billyterry3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 4:33 PM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: johnny.gilmour gilmourpacific.com
Subject: Detroit Reservoir Deep Draw Down

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Proposed Detroit Reservoir Deep Drawdown

Dear Salem City Council,

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the proposed deep drawdown of the reservoir that serves the drinking water for the city of Salem. This action poses significant risks to both our public water infrastructure and the economic vitality of our community in Detroit.

1. Threat to Public Drinking Water System

The reservoir is a critical component of Salem's drinking water supply. A substantial drawdown could expose intake structures, reduce water quality, and compromise the reliability of our municipal water system. This would not only endanger public health but also require costly emergency measures to maintain service. Past draw downs at other reservoirs within the Willamette River System have proven to be costly with little to no impact to the salmon population.

2. Severe Impact on Recreation and Tourism

Detroit's economy is heavily reliant on seasonal tourism and outdoor recreation. Lowering the reservoir would drastically reduce opportunities for boating, fishing, and other water-based activities that attract visitors and support local businesses. The resulting economic downturn could be devastating for our small town.

We urge all decision-makers to carefully consider these impacts and explore alternative solutions that protect both our water security and the economic well-being of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and provide any additional information needed.

Sincerely,
Billy Terry
370 Janice CT
Detroit Or.

Rachael Gangelhoff

From: johnny.gilmour gilmourpacific.com <johnny.gilmour@gilmourpacific.com>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 4:50 PM
To: CityRecorder

Sent from my iPhone Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Proposed Detroit Reservoir Deep Drawdown

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