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Subject: Salem water shortage/draw down

City Council and Mayor:

I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the meeting tonight. I think the City of Salem needs to file a suit against the National Marine Fisheries Service and Army Corp of Engineers to stop this draw down.....yes, it's been to court before and supposedly court ruled that it should take place. But we are living in a different environment now—both literally and figuratively. The present administration denies climate change and will be doing nothing in the next 4 years to help alleviate the effects of a warming climate—so the water in the Santiam will be getting warmer, making the entire relocation of spawning salmon an exercise in futility (over the long run) because salmon need cool/cold water to thrive and breed. I have concerns about our environment and the planet but I'm sorry, it's ludicrous that the water source for 200,000+ people is imperil for a few fish that will probably not survive as species even with this ridiculous drawdown. I urge the City Council to consider legal action to ensure that residents have an adequate water supply for drinking, bathing and protection of property.

I don't think the city is taking into consideration the potential devastating economic effects this will have on Salem. Who wants to buy a home in Salem when there could be tremendous water shortages after next fall? What business will want to start or expand if there isn't enough water? This is more than just preparing for mud in our water—this could have devastating economic consequences. Somehow the city needs to put a stop to this fiasco. Hopefully, there will be groups ready to go to court over this and get the entire matter dismissed.

We're going to endanger our water supply for a few fish? This is absurd.

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