

Subject: Bowman Dam Water Committee

To: Oregon Sub-Committee on Water

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A few years ago I did some work on the re-licensing of the Pelton Round Butte Dams on the Deschutes River. I was asked to help determine what the historical presence of salmon, steelhead, redband trout and char was like in the basin. from the research I did we determined that the Crooked River segment of the basin was steelhead and salmon nirvana.

Historically there were more salmonids in that sub-basin than in the rest of the entire Deschutes Basin. The Crooked River area had grasses up to the stirrups of the pioneer's saddles, it was chock full of beavers and the Crooked River and tributaries had an abundance of water most of the time.

Getting fish passage at the site of the dam will not only open up the river to fish but to projects that improve habitat and flows.

Please support ODFW.

Respectfully submitted,

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