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**THE PATH OF THE SALMON:
The Lower Snake River Juvenile Salmon
Migration Feasibility Study**

Final Script

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SEQUENCE #8

A MONTAGE OF SHOTS THAT CREATES A FEELING OF THE ROILING, RAPID-FILLED, FREE-FLOWING LOWER SNAKE RIVER BEFORE THE DAMS.

a) Scenes like: frothy rapids rushing past ... water crashing over a boulder ... a salmon leaping up a waterfall ... a swirling river eddy.

NARRATOR: (voiceover)

IN 1945, WHEN CONGRESS

AUTHORIZED DAMS

FOR THE LOWER SNAKE ...

THE STRETCH WAS STILL

WILD WITH THE RAPIDS

THAT CHALLENGED LEWIS

AND CLARK.

CONGRESS DETERMINED

THAT MULTIPURPOSE DAMS

WERE NECESSARY FOR

HYDROPOWER FOR

NATIONAL DEFENSE ...

... AND TO OPEN THE

WATERWAY FOR

NAVIGATION.

b) Continue the sequence with "headlines" and perhaps images to convey the vehement opposition.

OPPOSITION TO THE DAMS

WAS IMMEDIATE AND

AGGRESSIVE.

THERE WAS WIDESPREAD

CONCERN THAT THESE

DAMS WOULD ADD

TOO MANY HURDLES FOR

SNAKE RIVER FISH TO

OVERCOME.

THE CONTROVERSY

AND LAWSUIT CAUSED

A TEN -YEAR DELAY.

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SEQUENCE #13

A MONTAGE OF SCENES OF PEOPLE FISHING -- DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE IN VARYING ENVIRONMENTS, INCLUDING BOTH COMMERCIAL AND SPORT FISHING.

Shots like: a pleasure fishing boat with people pulling a net ... a commercial trawler heading downriver ... a person flyfishing on shore ... Native Americans fishing from a boat ... fish being reeled in.

BY THE LATE 1970s,
TRIBES, FISHERIES AGENCIES
AND SALMON ADVOCATES ...

... INTENDED TO FILE
PETITIONS FOR THE MOST
DEPLETED RUNS ... UNDER
THE ENDANGERED SPECIES
ACT.

BUT THEY HELD OFF.

BECAUSE, IN 1980, THE
NORTHWEST POWER
PLANNING COUNCIL WAS
ESTABLISHED ...

WITH THE DIRECTIVE:

(THE QUOTE WILL APPEAR ON THE SCREEN)

"TO GUARANTEE SALMON
EQUITABLE TREATMENT

WITH OTHER RIVER USERS."

SEQUENCE #14

A MONTAGE OF ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE LISTED FISH, INTERCUT
PERHAPS WITH "HEADLINES" THAT TELL THE STORY.

BUT THE FISH CONTINUED
TO DISAPPEAR.

THEN IN 1990, THE
SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBE
OF CENTRAL IDAHO
PETITIONED FOR LISTING FOR
THE SNAKE RIVER SOCKEYE
SALMON.

IN DECEMBER, 1991, THE
NATIONAL MARINE
FISHERIES SERVICE
DECLARED THE SOCKEYE AN
ENDANGERED SPECIES.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR,
SNAKE RIVER SPRING-
SUMMER AND FALL
CHINOOK WERE ADDED

AS THREATENED.

THEN IN 1994, THEY, TOO,

WERE DECLARED

ENDANGERED.

SEQUENCE #15

A MONTAGE OF FAST CAMERA MOVES ON PRINTED MATERIALS THAT TELL THIS STORY, GIVING THE FEELING THAT THINGS ARE ON THE MOVE.

Items like: color photos from fishing magazines ... photos of people on the Recovery Team at work ... the Biological Opinion.

THESE LISTINGS TRIGGERED

THE NATIONAL MARINE

FISHERIES SERVICE TO PUT

LOWER SNAKE RIVER

SALMON A RECOVERY

"FAST TRACK."

THE FISHERIES SERVICE

ISSUED "BIOLOGICAL

OPINIONS" ESTABLISHING

MEASURES NEEDED FOR

SALMON SURVIVAL.

SEQUENCE #16

A MONTAGE OF SCENES OF CORPS PEOPLE AT WORK, PORTRAYING THINGS THAT ARE PART OF THIS STUDY.

Scenes like: an engineer at a computer working on designs ... a group of diversely-dressed people in a meeting ... a scientist researching from a boat ... an engineer examining part of a dam.

THEY REQUIRED THE CORPS
AND OTHER FEDERAL
AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT
MANY OPERATIONAL
AND STRUCTURAL
IMPROVEMENTS...

... AND ENFORCED AN
AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE TO
DEVELOP AND TEST NEW
TECHNOLOGIES.

THEY ALSO SET FORTH,
AMONG OTHER
RECOMMENDATIONS,
THE OPINION OF SOME
SCIENTISTS:
THAT DRAWING DOWN THE
LOWER SNAKE'S RESERVOIRS
TO FREE-FLOWING RIVER
LEVEL...

... MANY BE THE ONLY
SCENARIO THAT WOULD
RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT
SALMON RECOVERY.

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