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FROM:  Jim Nielsen, Chairperson, Salmon Managers

DATE:    July 18, 2000

SUBJECT:       Brownlee Reservoir

SPECIFICATIONS: Request that Idaho Power Company continue to draft Brownlee Reservoir through the end of August for the benefit of the subyearling fall chinook migration. The draft rate and reservoir elevation should take into consideration the ending reservoir elevation necessary to assure the provision of the minimum flow of 9 Kcfs for fall chinook migration and spawning in the fall in Hells Canyon.

JUSTIFICATION: The projected flow levels for August are substantially below the Biological Opinion flow levels at Lower Granite. Decreasing outflow from Brownlee Reservoir will only exacerbate the problem.