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Boise, ID, For Immediate Release - At the 2019 Andrus Conference Center, Congressman Mike Simpson declared the need for Idaho and the Northwest to explore the implications of retiring the Lower Four Snake River Dams in order to restore floundering populations of Idaho stocks of salmon and steelhead. In the time since, those “what if” questions have been at the center of a number of key state-initiated precesses, including Idaho’s Salmon Recovery Workgroup and Washington’s Orca Task Force. Now, two years later, Simpson has presented a comprehensive and visionary framework to not just recover these fish and end the “Salmon Wars” but also move the entire Pacific Northwest forward, with major investments in energy modernizations, recreation, agriculture and transportation.

“Not so long ago, we moved mountains to install these structures, electrifying the rural American West and driving industry. Yes, it was hard. Yes, it was expensive. So too, will this be,” said Aaron Lieberman, Executive Director of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association (IOGA). “But we can still do hard things—and there is a brighter future beyond that effort that includes reliable, affordable power and grain transport, water supply, and abundant populations of salmon and steelhead for generations to come. We—the outfitters & guides, farmers, water users, rural communities and rural utilities—can do this together, only together —and we must.”

About the Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association

The Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association is a Statewide, 501(c)(6) business trade association, established in 1954 in Salmon, Idaho. It is committed to the enhancement of quality outdoor experiences with, and conservation of, Idaho’s lands, waters and wildlife.

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