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The ocean is such a big body of water that sometimes people think it's invincible. What isn't invincible are the human touchpoints, such as the boundaries and intersections with our local rivers and streams. Any of these touchpoint ecosystems can be negatively impacted by our actions. Examining the big picture and not the other smaller pieces that make up the big picture could lead to mistakes in overlooking or underestimating the effects on the salmon and goal of less tribulation. This would bring relief and correct the way of living that the salmon deserve. Through better communication to the public, we can acknowledge the positive and negative effects that the ocean conditions of the Pacific Northwest have on the survival of the lives of our salmon and the conditions that they are currently experiencing.

I strongly believe that the only way to positively and sustainably improve salmon survival and the effect that the ocean brings upon their livelihood, is to not just focus on one single thing. What I mean by this, is that, by just breaching the dams, we simply trade clean and cheap electric power in hope that by just stopping these big barriers of salmon migration, all issues will be resolved. (EarthJustice) One of the biggest problems that we people have when it comes to the lives of many organisms and animals is how we are disposing of our natural resources, items, and trash. Specifically oil, gasoline, and household chemicals need to be disposed properly and carefully as they clog storm drains and are contributing to the deaths of many prey and plants needed for survival. If we see debris or something that seems out of place near a stream or river, just picking it up and moving it to a better and safer location is a simple act that can help save a life. Water quality and ecology can be improved through the use of plant vegetation on the banks of lakes and streams to prevent erosion and help preserve aquatic animals and plants that may be living or traveling through that area. (ScienceWorld)

As someone who was born and raised here in West Richland, I have been provided various forms of insight and exposure to the Snake River and the ecosystem surrounding it. The

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