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## Mission Statement

“The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.”

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## Survey and Research Results on Salmon

Dear Member,

We would like to share with you the results of recent research from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regarding salmon survival through dams and survey results from the Northwest RiverPartners regarding public attitudes on salmon restoration and dam removal on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

**Research** - Researchers tracking pit-tagged (very small radio transmitters), adult salmon making their way back through the dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers have found that survival is even better than previously estimated where spring Chinook losses were pegged at around 2 percent per dam on the way to Idaho. Now research indicates only 2 percent of the fish may be lost in the entire eight-dam system (Bonneville Dam on the west end in Oregon and Lower Granite Dam on the east end in Idaho). The good news extends to fall Chinook and steelhead as well, along with upper Columbia spring stocks, which exhibited about a 93 percent survival rate all the way to Wells Dam in Central Washington.

**Survey** - Northwest RiverPartners, a partnership of Pacific Northwest people and businesses, surveyed 600 voters in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to learn how they view the health of the Columbia and Snake Rivers and the effectiveness of salmon recovery. The survey found the Northwest residents don't support extreme proposals and believe dams should stay. More than 65 percent say most environmental groups propose salmon protection solutions that are too extreme. Nearly 70 percent think it is wrong to blame dams for declining salmon runs. Additionally, nearly 70 percent believe the Columbia and Snake River dams should remain in place. The majority believe habitat and hatcheries are the two most important actions for protecting salmon while 65 percent believe catching and removing sea lions that eat salmon is appropriate.

More than 70 percent either don't know how much they pay for salmon recovery efforts or believe that less than 5 percent of their monthly electric bills goes toward salmon recovery (Correct Answer: 15 percent).

Your Cooperative is supportive of salmon restoration efforts that are based on sound science, are cost effective and respect the many uses of the Columbia and Snake Rivers. These river systems are too valuable a resource to waste. We advocate salmon recovery efforts that are good for fish, our rivers, our environment and our economy.

Best Regards,  
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