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I began fishing the Klamath river with my father in 1956. We would go up to the river for a week or so in late August and stay until my school started right after Labor Day. We would stay at Klamath Glen in a small trailer or camp. We would rent a boat with a small outboard motor. Our normal day of fishing was to fish the riffles in the morning either up or down river in the morning and run down to the mouth to fish for king salmon in the afternoon.

At that time the big Caterpillar tractors were put in the riffles to build wing dams so logs rafts could pull logs down the river being tows by tugs being driven by Yurok Indians. The logs were from upstream logging operations and the logs were removed from the river near the town of Klamath.

The whole area from Klamath Glen to the mouth was bustling with activity with campers, tents house trailers boat and trailers. The Yuroks were busy acting as guides and smoking salmon and steelhead. The economic activity derived by the fishery was substantial.

Now when you go up to the Glen at the same time, the salmon fishery is virtually nonexistent and the steelhead fishery is minimal. The area is virtually deserted. I would think that the economic activity is 10% of it once was.

The river used to be full of fish rolling and jumping and now seeing a fish rolling or jumping is a rare occasion.

I visited the dams scheduled to be removed during the recent summers and the lakes are clogged with algae. There is virtually no tourist activity or construction activity. i do not think that removal of the dams will do anything but improve the fisheries and economic activity along the whole course of the river.

Electricity can be produced in a number of way, but a fishery and recreation resource like the Klamath need a free flowing river.

The dams should be removed as soon as possible. It will be a boon to the local economy along the whole course of the river, the local towns the ocean fisheries along the north coast.

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