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As a native Oregonian and life-long Salmon and Steelhead fishermen, I understand the benefits and cost of hatchery efforts. I believe the current trend to blame hatchery fish for the downturn in Salmon/ Steelhead numbers is misguided. They may have an impact, but many factors are involved in the drop in numbers... we all know what they are. If we lose the hatchery and then lose the fish; where would we be? The cost of constructing a new hatchery in hopes of reestablishing the run would prohibit such efforts. Then the fish will truly be gone. If we need to tear something down, why not a damn.