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Washington Association of Wheat Growers Respond to Lower Snake River Dams Final Report, Recommendations

Wheat farmers maintain strong opposition to dam breaching.

The Washington Association of Wheat Growers (WAWG) today released the following statement in response to the findings of the final Lower Snake River Dams (LSRD) Benefit Replacement Report and the recommendations from Senator Patty Murray and Governor Jay Inslee:

“The Lower Snake River Dams allow wheat farmers in Washington and across the country to efficiently transport their product in a way that provides significant benefits to both the economy and environment, and most importantly, helps farmers feed people around the world. While we appreciate Senator Murray and Governor Inslee’s acknowledgment of the critical role these dams play for agriculture and recognition of the lack of feasibility in breaching the dams in the current environment, Washington wheat growers remain opposed to any actions by federal or state governments that leave dam breaching on the table. Simply put, the benefits provided by barges cannot be replaced by other methods of transportation,” said WAWG Executive Director Michelle Hennings. “We remain committed to working alongside government officials and the broader stakeholder community to achieve science-based solutions that facilitate a healthy salmon population and support the viability of family-owned farms and businesses.”

The Washington Association of Wheat Growers (WAWG) filed [public comments](#) in response to the Draft Lower Snake River Dams (LSRD) Benefit Replacement Report published on June 9.

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About WAWG: Education and outreach are the heart of Washington Association of Wheat Growers activity, all of which is aimed at helping Washington wheat families. Since 1954, WAWG has been dedicated to the enrichment of the Washington wheat industry as a nonprofit trade association, which depends on volunteers, membership dues and donations to carry out activities as representatives on the state and national levels. WAWG monitors state, transportation, research and natural resources policy and partners with the National Association of Wheat Growers to monitor national farm policy. Visit wawg.org for more information.