Earth and Water Unit Class Discussion

On Thursday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 24 we are going to work through a case study devised by Alan Paul Price at the University of Wisconsin titled “The River Dammed: The Proposed Removal of the Lower Snake River Dams”.

Before class on May 19 (there will be a short quiz on this)

1) Please go to “The Dam Site” web pages at
   and read through each of the Q&A sections. They are quite short. Rather annoyingly many of the links are broken.

2) Read the attached description of the four dams in question from the webpage “Dams of the Columbia Basin & Their Effects on the Native Fishery at
   http://www.ccrh.org/comm/river/dams7.htm
   and check the map at
   http://www.ccrh.org/comm/river/dams7.htm
   to see where the dams are in the general drainage basin


During class on May 19

(5 minutes) We will start of with a short quiz on the reading

(15 minutes) We will work in groups and then as a class to identify pros and cons of building dams

(30 minutes) We will start our case study of the Snake River dams using materials handed out in class