



*(Photo: Postcard of alpine village, Urnerland, the Alps c. 1937;  
Lost to dam development project completed in 1962)*

# DAM

50 years ago, trout and salmon still swam the entire length of the Rhine, from North Sea to the Alps;

The last were seen in 1958.  
30,000,000 people depend on this same water too polluted to support the life-cycles of these noble fish.

First the forests are cut down, followed by flooding, forcing us to further break the natural flow with dams and straight channels, which in turn cause more erosion, and more flooding.

In the Alps, of the 13,000 kilometers of high country waterways, only 900 still run free.

There is no dam between these rivers and the great Columbia.

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