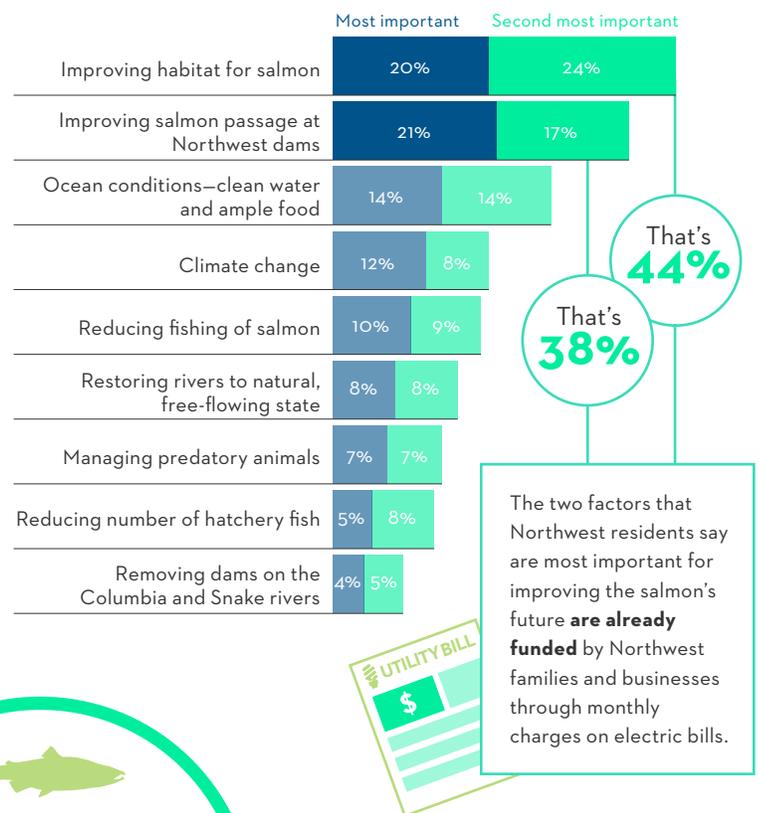


# 2017 Public Opinion Poll Results

A new poll shows continued strong public support for the federal hydropower system that keeps the lights on and the economy running across the Northwest.

- Hydropower is the single-largest source of renewable energy in the Northwest. More residents (**43%**) also consider it our **most practical source of energy**, compared to any other energy source.
- A large majority (**83%**) of residents agree that both our dams and our region's iconic salmon are **critical to the Northwest way of life**.
- For the first time, a majority of Northwest residents (**78%**) recognize the enormous impact that **ocean conditions** have on salmon survival.

## What are the most important factors for improving the future of salmon runs?



  
Salmon & dams  
must coexist

**82%**

agree that we need to focus on protecting and improving habitats where salmon spend the beginning of their lives and return to spawn as adults.

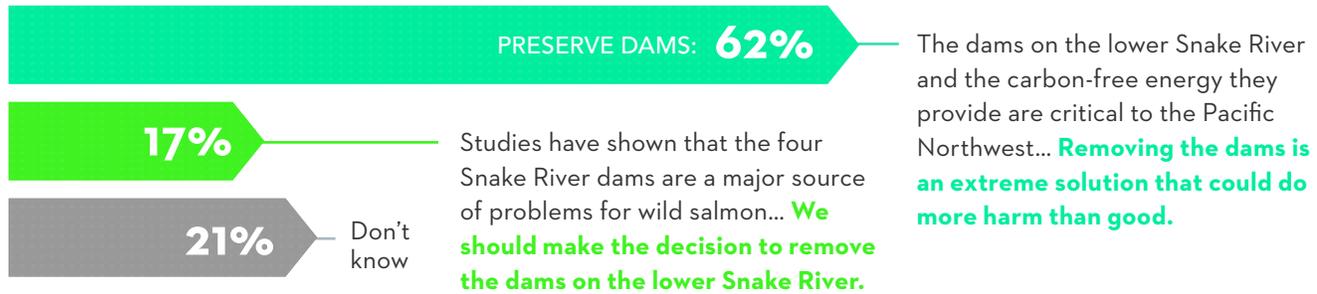
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agree that it is critical to the Northwest for dams and salmon to coexist.

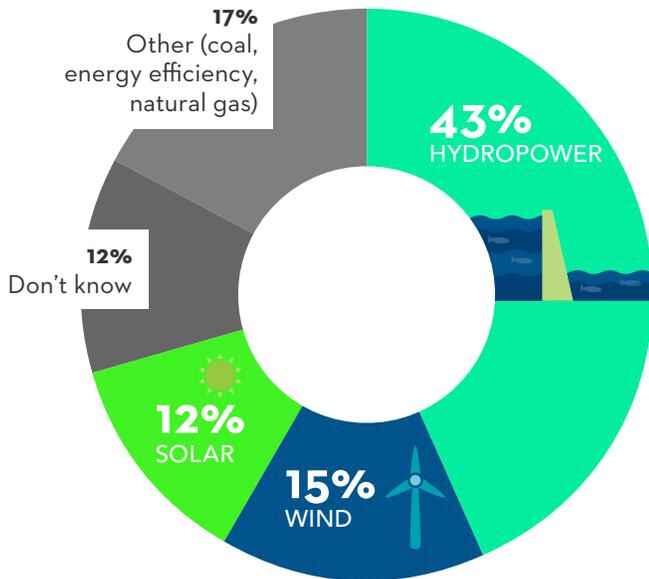
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agree that conditions in the ocean, where salmon spend most of their lives, have an enormous impact on salmon runs.

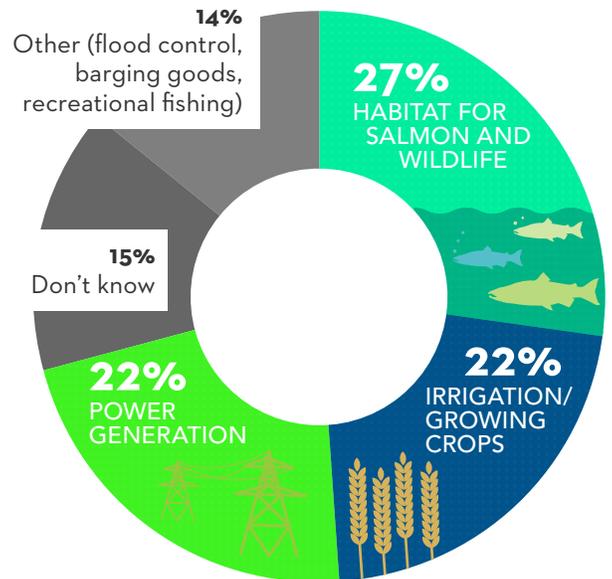
## Majority view removing the Snake River dams as an “extreme” solution



## What is the most practical source of energy for the Pacific Northwest?



## What is the most important use of the Columbia and Snake rivers?



## A strong majority see the Snake River dams as crucial for the future:

