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Subject: River deepening

We are opposed to deepening the Columbia River channel to 43'. Any dumping of spoils at Lois Island is the destruction of a Northwest treasure. Is filling in Multnomah Falls also on your list?

The following comments relate to any dredging.

We've reviewed the information on-line, and there is one glaring omission. Where is the Corps of Engineers' long-term solution for spoils disposal?

Given it will be costly to return the spoils to land from which it originated, it shouldn't stop the Corps from beginning a "new era" of true restoration. After all, the public does look to those in specialized fields to answer and respond with innovative solutions.

First, couldn't the dredging be done on a continual basis up river to lessen the flow from tributaries? Second, could not barging and/or rail lines be employed to move the spoils on a continuing basis?

Please solve the spoils problem first; don't just exacerbate it.

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