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The Sucker Fish

The tactic is simple yet effective: confusion and fear equal control. The biologists cry to us about how animals are in trouble. The situation, as always, looks bleak and the humans must make any adjustments necessary to accommodate the animals. Next more scientists tell us that the first scientists are wrong, and the animals are not in danger. In the mean time, many humans have to suffer without water at the animal's expense.

Federal biologists with the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service suggested that water must be diverted from the Klamath Basin Project in southern Oregon, to restore water levels at the Upper Klamath Lake. This was crucial to save the "protected" sucker fish and "endangered" Coho salmon. Oregon U.S. District judge Ann Aiken and Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton upheld and enforced this proposition. This support caused many Oregon farmers to protest, demanding the right to water their crops. Local authorities refused to interfere when farmers opened the headgates of the irrigation canals. Federal agents repeatedly closed and eventually began guarding the headgates. The sucker fish is not protected, the Coho salmon was removed from the endangered species list and the water level at the lake was not low. Federal biologists over stepped their bounds and tried to control something they had no business controlling.

The federal government gave these family rites to modify the Klamath lakes and create irrigation canals to water their crops. These rights are from many generations ago when the early settlers were given free land to farm out west. Apparently the federal government now thinks animal habitats are more important than the food created by the crops of farmers. Another reason they attempted to take back the water rights is because of

the pressure from environmentalist groups that push towards the united nations plan to reorganize the worlds environment, which is another story worthy of its own article. The more power the federal and world government has, the less rights we have as citizens. Government was created to protect mans God given rights, not to control our lives by passing and enforcing countless unconstitutional laws.