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Stakeholder Role Play cards:

*The Farmer*

You own a small tract of land that is irrigated by the reservoir created by these dams. If the dams are removed, the amount of water available for your farms will decrease and be more expensive. Some of this water would go to wildlife refuges. If not enough water is available, you would receive federal aid. You would receive some money for water conservation technologies. You are in general against dam removal.

*The Recreational River Fisherman*

If the dams are removed, you and other recreational river fishermen and recreationists would be able to enjoy more sport fishing and river sports such as rafting and kayaking in a more natural and wild setting. Recreational river fisheries are expected to increase by 9 percent. However, you face opposition from commercial lake fishermen and boaters. You are in general for dam removal.

*The PacifiCorp Representative*

All four dams would have to be removed by 2020. Your company would have to pay for the cost of dam removal, but those costs would likely be passed on to Oregon's taxpayers. Your company would lose revenue from not being able to generate and sell electricity. However, you would no longer bear the costs of maintaining the dams if they were removed. You are in general against dam removal.

*The Yurok Tribal Member*

Your tribe, along with the Karuk and Klamath, has lived along the banks of the Klamath River for centuries. The river's resources that have sustained your tribe were taken from you as new economies and communities began depending on the river, including agriculture and commercial fishing. Members of your tribe still harvest salmon from the river for cultural and subsistence purposes, family farmers and ranchers use the river for irrigation, and coastal commercial fishing families depend on Klamath salmon to earn their living. You are in general in favor of dam removal.

*The State Congressperson*

The hydropower projects represent cheap and abundant electricity. In a time of sky-rocketing energy prices, you do not want to impose an additional burden on those who elected you into office. However, your electorate also includes the various other stakeholders that are in favor of dam removal, including commercial fishermen. According to the dam removal project's environmental impact report, if the dams are removed, Chinook ocean commercial and sports harvest would increase by nearly 47 percent, while tribal harvest would increase by nearly 55 percent.

*The River Advocate*

You work for a non-profit river advocacy organization. You are concerned about the continued impact of the dams on salmon runs. Your group points to the latest environmental impact report, which states that through the removal and subsequent restoration work, water quality will improve, Chinook populations would increase, and jobs would be created, ultimately benefiting the Klamath community as a whole. You are in favor of dam removal.

*The Lake Property Owner*

You own a lake house and are unsure whether your property would be inundated. If not, you will at least lose your lakeside view, in which case, your property value would decrease. This also means a loss of property taxes for the county. You and other property owners would not be able to enjoy recreational activities on the lake like lake fishing and jet-skiing. You are against dam removal.