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Subject: Clean Water in the Klamath Depends on Dam Removal

Dear Staff and Members of the California State Water Board,

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to support Clean Water Act compliance for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project. As you develop your EIR, we urge you to address the following:

- PacifiCorp has not demonstrated that it can achieve Clean Water Act compliance through their proposed mitigation measures. Therefore, we urge you to prepare to issue a Clean Water certificate that requires dam removal.
- We urge you to fully address your legal responsibility to protect California's water quality impairments from pollution originating in Oregon.
- The EIR should address all water quality standards that have been developed for the Klamath River.
- It is unlawful to continue delaying mitigation of water quality impairments caused by PacifiCorp's facilities. We urge you to complete the EIR and issue a water quality certification requiring dam removal in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

I agree with everything this letter addresses. THE DAMS NEED TO COME DOWN!!!! I live at the confluence of the Klamath and the Salmon Rivers. In the twenty years that I have lived here I have watched the Klamath River die. I have helped with the fish counts on the Salmon River and seen pitiful numbers of Salmon returning and those that make it are often diseased. If for no other reason than saving the Salmon, we must do EVERYTHING within our power to do so. This is a magnificent species. It is the glue that holds the ecosystems of this area together. It is an incredibly healthy food source for us and a lot more sustainable than grazing meat. It uses far less water to process than those other foods. That should be incentive enough in these times of drought. This fish is on its last gills (as it were) and it would be foolhardy to lose it.

I won't even go into the water quality issues that keep locals from going anywhere near the Klamath in the summer. We all know someone who's dog has died and or whose children have been sickened.

Please, please give the fish a fighting chance and open up more spawning area and provide enough water to let them get there.

THIS IS THE ONLY PLAACE THEY CAN LIVE. All that other agriculture can happen elsewhere.

Thank you for listening and acting smartly.

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