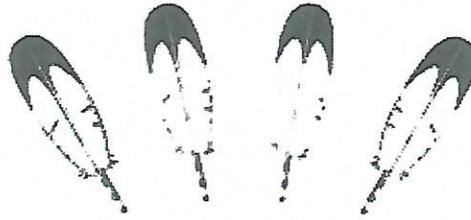


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KLAMATH RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH AND WATER COMMISSION

January 29, 2016

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Dear Chair Marcus and Director Pederson:

The Klamath River Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission (KRITFWC) is a federal non-profit organization established by the Yurok, Klamath, Hoopa Valley, and Karuk Tribes to address fisheries, water and related natural resources issues affecting the Klamath River Basin. The Commission implements and contributes to salmon restoration and recovery projects throughout the Basin conducted by our member Tribes.

KRITFWC favors removal of the Klamath Hydroelectric Project dams. As the state 401 certification processes for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project proceed, KRITFWC recommends that the Water Board analyze complete facilities removal, and require actions that provide for long-term solutions for the significant and ongoing water quality problems caused by the Project. The KRITFWC supports Statement of 2nd District Congressman Jared Huffman that 'Nothing short of an aggressive approach will do here'. Moreover, our Commission generally seeks the quickest route to removing dams on the Klamath River.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact the KRITFWC Chair, Vivian Kimbol, at 541-783-2219.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas Willson Sr. in blue ink.

Thomas Willson Sr.
KRITFWC Vice Chair

cc: KRITFWC Commissioners
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