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Subject:	Please Remove All Klamath Dams ASAP
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Regarding: DEIR Klamath Dam Removal

Thank you for the opportunity to express my full support for removal of all four dams on the Klamath River. The benefits to the vitality of our fisheries and local economy cannot be overstated:

> The removal would "…advance the long-term restoration of natural fish populations in the Klamath Basin, including having a significant beneficial effect on commercial fisheries and associated significant beneficial economic impact on the coastal commercial fishing industry." (Environmental Impact Report)
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> The EIR report brings more good news for the Crescent City Harbor. Although dam removal will unlock some sediment trapped in the reservoirs, Crescent City Harbor should not be affected, with the DEIR stating:
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> "…it is expected that the amount of sediment released during the year of draw down and dam removal would be similar to that transported by the Klamath River to the Pacific Ocean in a year with average flow, much less than that transported by the Klamath River in a wet year…."
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> As a former commercial salmon fisher who loves fish, I am alarmed at the dwindling numbers of salmon in the Klamath and it's tributaries. For many years my family owned a home on Copco Lake. We saw first hand how warm and filled with algae the water is. With ranches and piles of manure along its bank we know the water quality was/is bad. No one swims in Copco Lake.
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> I appreciate all the hard work and persistence by my community to

make this dream come true. Many organizations and Tribes are working to save the salmon runs, but they cannot undo the damage caused by these dams. These dams must go ASAP.

Thank you for your consideration,

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