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**Subject:** Public Comment Extension request: Lower Klamath Project License Surrender [Project No. 14803]  
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**Attachments:** [Formal Extension Request into California State Water Resources Control Board - Native Fish Society and Partners.pdf](#)

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Dear Ms. Siebal,

Thank you for the opportunity to engage in the environmental review of the Lower Klamath dam removal. Please see the attached request to extend the public comment processes for the Lower Klamath Project draft environmental impact report (EIR). Our partners all agree that the existing comment period is insufficient to review and comment on the documents associated with the project. We respectfully request that you extend the public comment period for an additional 30 days in order for us, and other members of the public, to fully participate in the review of the presented alternatives.

Please let us know that you have received this request and whether or not an extension can be granted.

Kind regards,



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February 1, 2019

TO: Ms. Michelle Siebal ([WR401Program@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:WR401Program@waterboards.ca.gov))  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program  
P.O. Box 2000  
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RE: Notice of Availability for public comment of a draft environmental impact report for the Lower Klamath Project License Surrender Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 14803

Dear Ms. Siebal,

The Native Fish Society, Wild Fish Conservancy, Patagonia, Inc., Fly Water Travel, Jack Stanford, and Matt Stoecker respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the public comment period for the Lower Klamath Project License Surrender submitted to the California State Water Resources Control Board. The originally allotted comment period is insufficient for the scope and importance of this process. I sincerely hope you will consider granting us, and members of the public additional time so we can adequately participate in review of the alternatives presented.

The Native Fish Society (NFS) is a 501(c)3 conservation non-profit, dedicated to utilizing the best available science to advocate for the protection and recovery of wild, native fish and promote the stewardship of the habitats that sustain them. NFS has 3,300 members and supporters and 89 River Stewards, and 11 Fellows that help safeguard wild fish in their homewaters across the Pacific Northwest. NFS has five River Stewards that live, work, and recreate in the Klamath watershed in both California and Oregon. Furthermore, NFS River Stewards, Staff, and Supporters live, work, and recreate in the Klamath basin who are interested in the recovery of threatened and sensitive populations of wild, native fish.

Wild Fish Conservancy is a 501(c)3 non-profit that is dedicated to the recovery and conservation of the region's wild fish ecosystems. Through science, education, and advocacy, WFC promotes technically and socially responsible habitat, hatchery, and harvest management to better sustain the region's wild-fish heritage.

Patagonia, Inc. is an outdoor clothing and gear company dedicated to using business to inspire and implement solutions to the environmental crisis. This includes a 40-year history supporting grassroots campaigns and local groups working to remove dams, restore habitat and protect wild rivers and wild fish.

Fly Water Travel is a team of fishing and travel experts exclusively dedicated to arranging trips to the world's finest fishing destinations. Fly Water supports fishing businesses in the Klamath basin and clients who travel to the Klamath watershed to experience healthy runs of wild, native fish and the clean water necessary for their survival.

Jack Stanford is a Professor Emeritus at the Flathead Lake Biological Station with the University of Montana, where for over 45 years his research focused on the ecology of Pacific Rim salmon rivers.

Stoecker Ecological is a biological consulting firm that specializes in salmon and steelhead restoration across the West Coast.

An extension request from February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is being requested in order to provide adequate time for the our organizations, businesses, members and the public to effectively engage in the commenting process and to provide ample time to review the lengthy documents with a thorough review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Conrad Gowell, Fellowship Program Director, Native Fish Society

Jake Crawford, River Steward Program Director, Native Fish Society

Mark Sherwood, Executive Director, Native Fish Society

Kurt Beardslee, Executive Director, Wild Fish Conservancy

Jamie Glasglow, Science and Research Director, Wild Fish Conservancy

Hans Cole, Director of Environmental Campaigns and Advocacy, Patagonia Inc.

Charles Gehr, Northwest and Rockies Sales Manager, Fly Water Travel

Jack Stanford, Professor Emeritus, Flathead Lake Biological Station, University of Montana

Matt Stoecker, Principal Biologist, Stoecker Ecological