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Copco Lake, Siskiyou County, California

Ms. Michelle Diebal

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program

P.O. Box 2000

Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RE: Save Our Copco Dams

We will lose all of our lake fish if the dams go out, which will pretty much destroy our way of life living here.

My husband and I moved here in 2002 at the urging of Don and Corky Minion, my husband's surrogate parents. We immediately fell in love with the area, the lake, and the folks living here. We invested our time, our money, and our talents, serving as reserve deputies with the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department for eight years.

This is our home, and where my husband passed away three years ago. Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren come here every year to visit and enjoy this fishing paradise.

Taking the dams out and reducing the Klamath River to a stream will destroy most of the fish in the Klamath River. And destroy the way of life for the people living here, many of whom have lived here most of their lives.

In 1916-1920, the Copco Lake dam was built by American engineers, with the addition of turbines, providing the cleanest and cheapest electricity to tens of

thousands of residents and businesses in Siskiyou County, California, and the Southern Oregon area.

I believe an in-depth feasibility study, backed up by proven scientific data, should be done before reaching any conclusions about taking out the existing dams and lakes.

Sincerely, 
Peggy Henderson, Copco Lake Resident

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