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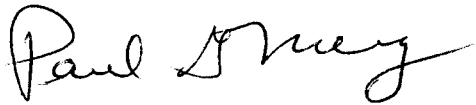
FISH LADDERS/SCREENS MAIN STEM KLAMATH DAMS

If the recent recommendation from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries is adopted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for installing fish ladders and screens on the four PacifiCorp dams on the Klamath River, hatchery managers, and other agencies involved in this restoration project need to be ready to "jumpstart" the areas that will be made available for anadromous fish by this project.

Reintroduction of juvenile Fall Chinook, Spring Chinook, Coho, and Steelhead in appropriate numbers at appropriate locations above these proposed ladders prior to the installation of the ladders would aid in the repopulation of these areas in a shorter timespan. Proper timing of the juvenile seeding is important, and must be coordinated with the construction of the fish ladders to provide adult returns the year that the ladders are completed.

If the installation of fish ladders becomes a condition for the re-issuing of a new operating license for the PacifiCorp Hydroelectric Project, please consider this proposal as an important step in the restoration of anadromous fish presence in the upper Klamath Basin.

Thank you;



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