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Snake River Dam Resolution

WHEREAS fishing cultures, livelihoods, economies, and recreation along the Pacific Coast from Alaska to California, and east to Idaho and Montana, have been dramatically affected by the precipitous decline and subsequent listing under the Endangered Species Act of anadromous fish in the Snake River Basin;

WHEREAS rigorous scientific review has demonstrated much, if not most, of this decline is due to cumulative impacts of the Federal Columbia River Hydroelectric System, and, that retiring Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite dams on the lower Snake River is most likely to avoid extinction and recover Snake River Stocks;

WHEREAS extinction will prove ever more costly, and recovery will restore these fish to their rightful place in the cultures, economies, and hearts of Pacific Northwest peoples;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Pacific Fishery Management Council requests implementation of the measures deemed most likely by PATH to recover wild anadromous fish in the Snake River Basin to 1960s levels. The Council recommends full discovery and mitigation of negative impacts of the selected recovery option on affected individuals and their communities.

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