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### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ANADROMOUS FISH RESTORATION IN THE KLAMATH RIVER, CALIFORNIA AND OREGON

WHEREAS, the Klamath River above Iron Gate Dam once supported substantial anadromous fish populations, and still has nearly 300 miles of usable anadromous fish habitat; and

WHEREAS, communities, fishing cultures, livelihoods, economies, and recreation along the Pacific Coast of California and Oregon have been dramatically affected by the precipitous decline of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin; and

WHEREAS, wild Klamath River salmon and steelhead are an irreplaceable genetic resource that continue to play a vital ecological role even at their currently depressed levels. If these runs are allowed to vanish, the foundation of the Klamath River's ecosystems will be severely undermined; and

WHEREAS, reintroduction of anadromous fish above the current barrier of Iron Gate Dam will form a key component of Klamath River Basin and West Coast restoration goals; and

WHEREAS, significant resources are being directed at improving potential anadromous fishery habitats in the Upper Klamath Basin above Upper Klamath Lake; and

WHEREAS, improvement of Klamath River stocks will result in significant increases in ocean and in-river fishing opportunities, and thus contribute toward a healthy and diverse regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission staff assessment indicates that, in terms of the potential impact to electricity resource adequacy, decommissioning one or more of the dams is a viable alternative that should be examined during the FERC relicensing process; and

WHEREAS, PacifiCorp has not proposed significant mitigation to their continued blockage of the anadromous fish runs of the Klamath River; and

WHEREAS, PacifiCorp has not proposed significant mitigation to their continued contribution to water quality problems in the Klamath River; and

WHEREAS, it is clear from the record that resource impacts to these regionally significant anadromous fish stocks far outweigh the nominal power production from this small Hydroelectric Project;

NOW THEREFORE, the Pacific Fishery Management Council urges that FERC deny a new license and order the immediate decommissioning of the project, including removal of dam structures and full restoration of habitat affected by the dams and reservoirs, OR that any new license be conditioned upon the restoration measures proposed by the agencies and tribes.

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