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The Honorable Ronald H. Brown  
Secretary of the Department of Commerce  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

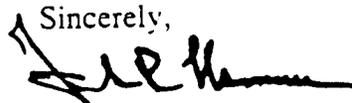
Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) wishes to call your attention to the need for assuring that water management actions within the purview of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are used to help restore the natural production of Klamath River fall chinook. This issue is especially important due to the depressed state of this stock, and in view of the agreement between the departments of Commerce and Interior to increase the natural spawning escapement of Klamath River fall chinook in 1993, based in part on presumed flow improvements.

We have requested that the Department of Interior provide a summary of the specific water management actions which have been and will be taken to assure that optimum natural production results from the 1993 brood year of Klamath River fall chinook (see attached letter). We urge you, as a party to the agreement, to ensure that the sacrifices made in the fisheries to provide additional natural escapement are not nullified by inadequate flows.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Frank R. Warrens  
Chairman

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Attachment  
c: Habitat Steering Group