



**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF
COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT**

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Pacific Fishery Management Council
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RE: Cole River Hatchery

Dear Council Members:

This letter is sent on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians ("CTCLUSI") in support of funding for Oregon's Rogue River Cole River Hatchery.

CTCLUSI is aware of a recent request submitted by a number of parties in support of the Cole River Hatchery in the amount of \$35 million and supports that request. Funding of this facility will benefit the Tribe and its members by making salmon available for harvest – salmon that provide a valuable cultural and subsistence resource in the life of our members.

We agree that Cole River Hatchery is a valuable facility for both local fish production and regionally -- producing salmon, trout, and steelhead for much of the state south of the Columbia River Basin. We appreciate the State of Oregon's recent commitment of \$2.9 million for needed improvements, but this investment falls far short of what is needed to ensure that the hatchery can meet the fish production that it is capable of.

For these reasons, the Tribe strongly supports the request for funding in the amount of \$35 million for this facility.

Respectfully,

Brad Kneaper
Chair, Tribal Council
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians

Cc: Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Jeff Merkley
Representative Val Hoyle
Oregon Governor Tina Kotek