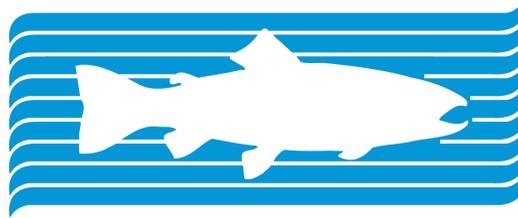


CALIFORNIA TROUT



FISH · WATER · PEOPLE

July 19, 2019

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary,
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Klamath Dams, Docket Numbers P-2082-062 and P-14803-000

Dear Secretary Bose,

CalTrout works diligently to balance the needs of wild fish and people throughout California. Our mission is to ensure resilient wild fish in healthy waters for a better California. The Klamath River is one of the most significant salmon and steelhead rivers along the entire west coast of the United States. CalTrout has been involved with the Klamath River dams since 2000, when PacifiCorp first began relicensing proceedings.

CalTrout is a signatory to the Amended Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA). **We ask that you support the Klamath River Renewal Corporation's (KRRC) Lower Klamath Project (Project) transfer and surrender applications pending before you.**

For an organization committed to wild fish, healthy waters and the people who benefit from them, Klamath Dam removal and the river restoration that will follow is a high priority for us. Dam removal will open up more than 400 stream miles of spawning and rearing habitat for salmon and steelhead. A study released by the US Geological Survey in 2017 demonstrated fish are eager to return to the upper reaches of watersheds after dam removal, even if the areas have been blocked for decades or more. The study showed that historic upstream habitat can be recolonized by fish in a matter of weeks after access is restored. Restored fish populations in the Klamath would be a boon to the recreational and commercial fisheries in the region, boost tourism and create local jobs.

360 Pine Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco CA, 94104
Phone: (415) 392-8887 ext. 109 **Fax:** (415) 392-8895 **E-mail:** cknight@caltrout.org

CalTrout has already been working with local landowners and water users in the Scott and Shasta Rivers, two Klamath River tributaries, on projects to improve conditions for fish that will that will be important in helping reestablish the upper Klamath Basin. We are committed to continued work in the Klamath Basin to ensure that the benefits from dam removal are maximized for anglers, wild fish, tribes, agriculture, and the residents and tourists who will benefit from a stronger, cleaner, more productive river.

As a KHSA signatory, we are fully engaged in the work the KRRC has done and believe they have shown their financial capability to become the licensee. They have also put together a compelling, comprehensive risk management package and assembled a world-class team to conduct the actual removal and restoration work.

This is the right time to restore a once-mighty river to its former strength and KRRC has answered all questions regarding its ability to fulfill the dam removal portion of the KHSA. We encourage you to act favorably on KRRC's application so the entire region can reap the benefits of a free-flowing Klamath River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Curtis Knight', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Curtis Knight
Executive Director