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State Water Resources Control Board

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Mr. Joshua Saxon
Executive Director
Salmon River Restoration Council
P.O. Box 1089
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Dear Mr. Saxon:

RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO CONTINUE THE ABEYANCE OF THE KLAMATH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT'S WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROCESS, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2082

Thank you for your letter, received June 11, 2012, regarding the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification (water quality certification) process for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project (KHP), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2082. On behalf of the Salmon River community and restoration advocates, the Salmon River Restoration Council requests the State Water Board support a resolution to continue the abeyance of the KHP water quality certification process for another year. You request this additional time to allow the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHPA) parties additional time to implement the KHPA and to allow Congress to take action on implementing necessary legislation.

The State Water Board plans to consider whether or not to extend the abeyance of the KHP's water quality certification process at its July 17 meeting.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Caren Trgovcich at (916) 341-5727 or via e-mail ctrgovcich@waterboards.ca.gov or Ms. Jennifer Watts, Ph.D. at (916) 341-5397 or via e-mail jwatts@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence or inquiries should be addressed to: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, and Attn: Jennifer Watts, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles R. Hoppin".

Charles R. Hoppin
Chairman

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CHARLES R. HOPPIN, CHAIRMAN | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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