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**I am adamantly opposed to removal of the Klamath River dams. I have some concerns about how this standing agreement can be accomplished.**

**A.** The Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement is intended to result in effective and durable solutions which will:

1. restore and sustain natural fish production and provide for full participation in ocean and river harvest opportunities of fish species throughout the Klamath Basin; **What about sustaining lake fish such as bass, crappie, perch, and trout. The “natural” production of salmon has been at the fish hatchery for over 70 years. There is NO evidence that removal of the dams would allow, sustain and be suitable for salmon spawning further upriver.**
2. establish reliable water and power supplies which sustain agricultural uses, communities, and National Wildlife Refuges; and 3) contribute to the public welfare and the sustainability of all Klamath Basin communities. **Without the power generated at these dams no reliable power supply with exist. There will also be no means to adequately regulate, store, and use a reliable water supply.**

**Q.** What are some key parts of the KHSA?

**A.** The Hydroelectric Settlement lays out the process for additional studies, environmental review and a decision by the Secretary of the Interior regarding whether removal of four dams owned by PacifiCorp:

1. will advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries of the Klamath Basin; and **The restoration of salmonid fisheries by the removal of dams has not proven successful in other areas on other rivers. While in some cases the fish traveled further up river, their numbers did NOT increase.**
2. is in the public interest, which includes but is not limited to consideration of potential impacts on affected local communities and tribes. **Recreational considerations seem to be completely neglected. In a day and age with stress, drug addiction, family breakdowns, and suicide, the need for good, family recreation seems even greater. Boating, fishing, swimming and camping would be lost with the removal of the dams.**

The four dams are Iron Gate, J.C. Boyle, Copco 1 and Copco 2 dams on the Klamath River. The Hydroelectric Settlement includes provisions for the interim operation of the dams and the process to transfer, decommission, and remove the dams. **Removal of the dams might save Pacific Corps some money by having rate payers cover the costs of removal rather than have them cover the cost of upgrades. But the majority of rate payers will lose. They will have less reliable power at a higher rate. They will have lost many beautiful, accessible, versatile**

**recreation opportunities.**

**Shawn Roberts**