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SAVE A NATURAL RESOURCE — RELEASE ALL WILD FISH

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May 7, 2007

Dr. Tom Karier, Chair
 Northwest Power and Conservation Council
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Dear Dr. Karier and Council Members:

As I am sure you are aware, sea lion predation on salmon, steelhead and sturgeon has become a serious threat in the Columbia River, specifically in the area immediately down stream of Bonneville Dam. However the issue of seal and sea lion predation seems to be an ever increasing concern in rivers throughout the Pacific Northwest, from northern California to Canada. This problem becomes even more frustrating when certain predators are ESA listed species that are preying on salmon and steelhead which are also listed.

I am writing you on behalf of the Clark-Skamania Flyfishers. The Clark-Skamania Flyfishers is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization incorporated in the State of Washington. Founded in 1975, CSF and its 150 members are dedicated to the preservation of wild fish stocks and the natural resources that sustain them. CSF is further committed to the promotion of fly-fishing as a method of angling and, through it, an understanding of and appreciation for the diversity of nature. Because of our mission and concern for wild salmon and steelhead I am asking you to give particular consideration to a new and innovative approach for controlling these predators that is in the preliminary stages of testing by a North West based company, Smith-Root.

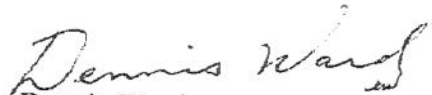
I am sure you have been provided all of the technical details on this non-lethal exclusionary method based upon a low level electronic field, so I will not take your time with a recitation of that information once again. I have had the opportunity to review the preliminary results from testing of the Smith-Root system in Canada and it appears very promising. If this system would ultimately be effective in excluding seals and sea lions from areas where their predation is having profound effects on fish populations, then from a legal, social, and political stand point, it would be far and away preferable to killing these animals which many of our citizens value far more than, salmon, steelhead and sturgeon.

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We would recommend that you provide the opportunity and funding for Smith-Root to adequately test their new non-lethal electronic marine mammal exclusionary system on the Columbia River via a demonstration project. If this system is found to be effective it will have highly beneficial effects on the issue of marine mammal predation in many areas throughout the North West, the Columbia River being only one of those areas.

Sincerely,



Dennis Ward
President, Clark-Skamania Flyfishers