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July 29, 2003

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Today the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group reviewed the July 28 memorandum from Doug Schleusner to the TMC ("Draft Action Plan: 2003 Fall Flow Releases") and discussed various issues associated with supplemental fall flow releases to the Trinity River. The TAMWG recommends TMC support for

1. the "proactive release" proposed by the TMC technical group;
2. use of the memorandum's Alternative #1 trigger criteria; and
3. "adaptive management" of the supplemental releases.

The TAMWG's intent with the "adaptive management" recommendation is that effects of increased flows (beginning with the separate boat dance flows) should be monitored carefully, and managers should be authorized to adjust the proactive releases (keeping the total volume used within Judge Wanger's 50,000 acre-foot maximum, of course) in appropriate timely response to observed fish behavior and/or changing conditions.

Also today, the TAMWG approved several recommendations for improved management of Klamath River flows; these longer-term recommendations will be the subject of a future letter.

Today's recommendations were approved by consensus, without dissent. Sixteen TAMWG members participated, though I think the two who attended by telephone had disconnected by the time the recommendations were finalized.

Sincerely,

Arnold Whitridge, TAMWG Chair