ATTACHMENT # 36

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September 8, 2003

Dear Mr. Ryan,

At our September 4 meeting, the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group reviewed my August 12 letter to you and authorized some clarifying improvements; this letter replaces the August 12 letter.

As I reported to you on July 29, the TAMWG supported supplemental Trinity River flow releases of up to 50,000 acre-feet this late summer to decrease the likelihood of another adult salmonid die-off in the lower Klamath River. It was clear from TAMWG discussion that members considered the additional Trinity releases appropriate under this year's circumstances.

However, members also feel that Klamath River problems cannot be cured by Trinity River releases, and that improvement in Klamath River management is necessary in order to provide lasting protection for Trinity River fish traveling through the lower Klamath River. Towards such improvement, the TAMWG unanimously recommends that the TMC endorse and pursue:

1. Improved operational coordination among Klamath and Trinity management entities;
2. Release of a federal report on the 2002 fish die-off in the lower Klamath;
3. Release of the Hardy Phase II Klamath River flow study; and
4. Equitable balance between Klamath and Trinity releases intended to improve conditions in the lower Klamath.

I would be happy to discuss these recommendations with you or the TMC.

Sincerely,

Arnold Whitridge

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