

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING: SUPPORT FOR THE FINAL ODEQ 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

“The Clean Water Act (section 401) certification by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is the right decision for Oregon and the people of the Klamath Basin. I believe that the removal of the four dams is the first step toward resolving the water issues in the Klamath Basin.”

Governor Ted Kulongoski, KRRC Board Member, 36th Governor of the State of Oregon, 2003-2011
September 7, 2018

“Removing the four Klamath River dams is the biggest single thing that can be done for rivers or fish anywhere in the country. For 100 years, the Klamath in effect has been cut in half – one river in California and another in Oregon. The ODEQ 401 certification for J.C. Boyle is more evidence that the scientific justification for dam removal is there. But I think people underestimate what restoring the river, as described in the KRRC’s Definite Plan, will mean culturally, emotionally, and economically for residents of the Klamath Basin.”

Chrysten Lambert, Oregon Director, Trout Unlimited
September 7, 2018

“We are encouraged to take another step forward toward the revitalization of the great Klamath Basin for the benefit of our communities, environment, and economy.”

Greg Block, President, Sustainable Northwest
September 7, 2018

“As the largest organization of commercial fishing families on the west coast, PCFFA is very happy to see the Klamath River restoration process move forward. Commercial fishing families support Klamath dam removal to help recover what, before the dams, were the third largest salmon runs in the Continental U.S. Salmon harvests are the lifeblood of our industry, and removing the Klamath dams will unblock and repair the river so it can once again be a major source of salmon, jobs, and dollars for west coast salmon-dependent communities. Oregon’s acknowledgment that Klamath dam removal will improve the river’s water quality is a major step forward toward salmon restoration.”

Glen H. Spain, Northwest Regional Director, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman’s Associations
September 7, 2018

“The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality’s approval affirms the fundamental conclusion of the significant body of science developed on the Klamath River – removing the dams is the best way to improve water quality, fish and wildlife.”

Steve Rothert, California Regional Director, American Rivers
September 7, 2018

“The Karuk Tribe is pleased that yet another milestone has been passed on the march towards dam removal and the restoration of Klamath River fisheries.”

Chairman Russell “Buster” Attebery, Karuk Tribe
September 7, 2018

“We write in 100% support of the dams being removed. We will be very happy to see them gone. Our reasons are [1] the dams must have fish ladders which will cause less power generation and increase our electric bills; [2] High water temperatures currently cause massive toxic algae blooms injurious to humans as well as other fish killing diseases; [3] Dam removal will increase the available salmon spawning habitat significantly; [4] Dam removal will allow salmon to swim way up towards Crater Lake Park producing a large economic development from fishing; [5] Dam removal will increase the salmon allowed for harvest by commercial fishermen; [6] Sufficient studies and experience with other dam removals show no long term negative environmental impacts and many long term positive environmental impacts; and [7] These dams produce very little power compared to renewable sources now and in the near future.”

Dave and Kirsten Potter, Residents, Klamath Falls, Ore.
June 27, 2018

“We have a tremendous bank of information and experience to draw from to assure minimal disturbance and a rapid recovery from dam removal. I fully support certification of the removal of JC Boyle dam.”

Susan Mattenberger, Biologist
June 24, 2018

“Oregon Wild supports the states’ 401 certification of the Klamath Project Dam Removal and License Surrender because it will lead to significant improvements in the water quality of the Klamath River.”

Doug Heiken, Conservation and Restoration Coordinator, Oregon Wild
July 18, 2018

“Release of Oregon’s final certification under the Clean Water act for removal of the J.C. Boyle dam is another major milestone for this historic and critical project to restore the Klamath River.”

Lester Snow, President of the KRRC Board, and former Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency
September 7, 2018

“With a ranch in the Upper Klamath Basin and having been involved in water issues since 2001, I believe the final certification from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality represents a significant step forward to solve some of the problems that have affected our community. This milestone represents a step forward for the Klamath River Renewal Corporation to achieve its mission of removing the four dams along the Klamath River.”

Jim Root, Vice President of the KRRC Board, Upper Klamath Basin ranch owner,
and former Chief Executive Officer, Sabroso Company
September 7, 2018

“The issuance of this certification is great news for Oregon and for the Klamath River. It is an important step in the long path to improving the health of the river, including bringing salmon and steelhead back to the Upper Basin.”

Leon Szeptycki, Secretary/Treasurer of the KRRC Board
September 7, 2018

“The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality’s determination that planned removal of the J.C. Boyle dam is compliant with the Federal Clean Water Act confirms that the long term health of the Klamath River and its fish and wildlife are best served by restoration of a free-flowing, natural river system.”

Michael Carrier, KRRC Board Member
September 7, 2018