



# American Fisheries Society

## *Western Division*

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Mr. Ken Salazar, Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

**Subject:** Position Regarding the Proposed Klamath River Dam Removal

Dear Mr. Salazar:

You should have received a letter from the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society dated February 10, 2012 (attached). Within the letter, the Oregon Chapter expresses its support for the goals and conceptual approach to ecosystem rehabilitation in the Klamath River Basin outlined in the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSAs) and the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA).

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society (WDAFS) joins the Oregon Chapter in supporting the KHSAs and KBRA, which include removal of dams, reintroduction of anadromous fish to the upper Klamath Basin, and ecosystem rehabilitation. Please feel free to contact me (503-423-3824; [david.ward@hdrinc.com](mailto:david.ward@hdrinc.com)) if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Dave Ward  
President, Western Division AFS

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