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Klickitat PUD agrees with Shauna McReynolds, spokesperson for the Coalition for Smart Salmon "This proposal doesn't go far enough. The Administration and federal agencies missed another opportunity, based on good science, to help salmon and help our economy"... "While we are disappointed, this is a step in the right direction and should be the start of a complete review of all our spending decisions regarding salmon recovery," · The proposal to reduce spill is partially in response to calls from regional elected officials to find more cost-effective ways to recover salmon. · The proposal is a step in the right direction because it establishes cost-effectiveness as an objective in determining salmon recovery measures. · This proposal does not go far enough. It still contains too much waste and missed opportunity to provide an additional boost to the Northwest economy. · The federal agencies are relying on NOAA's analysis, which has been conservative in estimating the benefits to salmon and has maximized the impacts of spill. · There is no credible scientific proof that the lack of spill in 2001 relates to the lower than expected adult returns observed this year. State harvest managers downgraded the spring run and are at a loss to explain what happened. The revised proposal calls for spending \$13 M on mitigation measures to gain \$33 M to \$44 M of generation savings, for a net savings of \$20 M to \$31 M. For purposes of ESA listed Fall Chinook, the potential adverse impact (prior to mitigation) is 1 - 5 returning adults, depending upon a returning run size of 1,000 to 5,000 adults. That is 0.1% of a run that is subject to significant harvest. So we will be spending anywhere from \$13 M to \$2.6 M per returning adult on the mitigation measures alone. If we don't do the summer spill reduction, it will be at a cost of lost generation of \$44 M to \$6.2 M per fish - depending upon market and a range of 1 - 5 impacted fish. Summer spill should be eliminated in its entirety. Tom D. Svendsen P.E. General Manager Klickitat PUD (509) 773-7616