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NW Power & Conservation Council  
Attn.: Mark Walker, Director of Public Relations  
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Dear Sir,

The Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, CRFPU, urges you to officially approve the funding recommendation to BPA, of the Select Area Fisheries Enhancement (SAFE) project, #199306000, on the lower Columbia River, in your upcoming meeting in Helena, Montana.

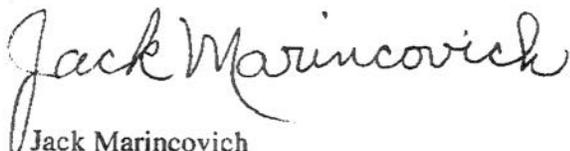
After the meetings in Astoria last week, it appeared that the council became more knowledgeable and aware of the effectiveness of the SAFE Program and its ability to contribute to a variety of fisheries from the ocean to the terminal areas with a minimum impact on listed endangered species stock on the main stem. This provides all important and required mitigation for lost fishing opportunity as a result of the impacts of dams and their management on upriver runs of salmon.

It would be a "slam" to the NWP&CC on this, its 25th anniversary year with its congressional directive to equalize and balance BPA power and salmon resources, if we were forced to drop the SAFE Program, or reduce it because of the lack of funds.

We, CRFPU represent commercial fishermen on the Columbia River and know all too well how important the SAFE Program is to us and the many consumers of salmon and seafood. Often, at certain times of the year, it is the "only show in town", and has provided a very important boost in the economy to the Astoria area.

This project has strong support from all segments of the industry, as well as local governments, and until all listed stocks in the basin are restored and fishing is returned to normal, deserves full mitigating funding.

Thank you,



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