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Northwest Power and Conservation Council
C/O Dr. Tom Karier, Chair
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing today to show my support of the barrier system technology offered thru Smith-Root, LLC., regarding a grant offered thru the NW Power and Conservation Council.

In a nut shell, I am a native Oregon, belong to the McLoughlin Chapter of the NW Steelheader's, love to hunt and fish and am a concerned person always of wildlife. I understand both side of issues of the seal population and predations of salmon in the upper parts of the water systems, totally affecting salmon runs and sturgeon, etc. Basically, to shoot or not. However, with studying the innovative technology that Smith-Root LLC has to offer and sitting at our back door, we need to move forward with pursuit of this kind of new systems. Beside controlling the feeding of seals on salmon, non-lethal way, there is possibility for move advance use of the systems for a whole array of other possibilities, scientifically, with fish. Our once plentiful salmon need all help that they can get, from all angles, in order to recover. The seal predation on salmon and sturgeon is an enormous problem and hopefully can be taken care of before it is just too late. So far, previous means has not worked.

I realize you get request for grants of all sorts. I truly hope you given this one for the fish a full and favorable review. It is a technology that we can use and move forward with in the future. Thank you for your consideration and have a nice day.

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