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Ms. Melinda Eden, Chair ✓
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Dear Ms. Eden and Mr. Wright,

Eight years ago I retired from thirty six years in the sportfishing tackle business. Like most of those in the business, fishing was a priority for me, and still is. The data provided by the Fish Passage Center was the most important aid we had in our efforts to plan with the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of tackle so that the appropriate goods were "on the shelves" and ready for the fishermen in time for each season, each run of migratory fish. We all know that future runs are predicted by statistics provided by past runs, and those statistics provided by the Fish Passage Center were invaluable to those of us in the industry.

Though I'm no longer in the business, I still fish, and that data is still invaluable in helping me and my friends who fish make decisions about where to go, when to go, when to plan extended trips that require reservations, what to buy for those trips and when to buy it.

Without the science how can those charged with the responsibility of salmon recovery complete their mission? Obviously, they cannot.

With regard to salmon recovery, the health of the sportfishing industry, and preservation of the favorite pastime of thousands of fishermen, I am asking you to make sure that whatever new agency is given the responsibilities of the Fish Passage Center is formed as an independent entity that is directed to work closely with our present fishery managers and keep the data it produces available to the public (me, the fisherman).

Sincerely,

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