

# LINCOLN COUNTY

STATE OF MONTANA

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CLERK OF THE BOARD AND COUNTY RECORDER

Northwest Power Planning Council  
Portland, Oregon

RE: Draft Mainstem Plan amendments

The Lincoln County Commissioners are in favor of the amendments regarding Hungry Horse and Libby Dams.

The failure of Libby Dam to refill to within five feet of full pool historically has harmed our economy, our custom, and our culture. It has impacted our tourism, local recreation, view shed, and resident fish.

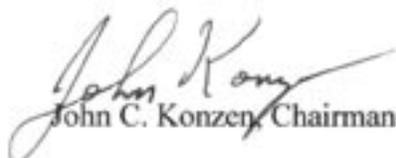
Summer reservoir drafting historically have been a detriment to the reservoir and the Kootenai River. The amendment regarding this issue will accomplish protection of fisheries resources, recreation, and viewing for enjoyment as well as providing water for flow augmentation.

For a number of years we have been asking for stable or flat flows in the Kootenai River for the months of July through Sept. This has many positive benefits as before stated as well as the reduction of bank erosion from multiple fluctuations.

We have received the comments that were presented to the NWPPC from the Kootenai Valley Trout Club. Their comments are very good. We encourage you to give their comments the utmost consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment at the public hearing held in Kalispell as well as this written forum.

Sincerely,

  
John C. Konzen, Chairman



Marianne B. Roose, Dist. #3

  
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