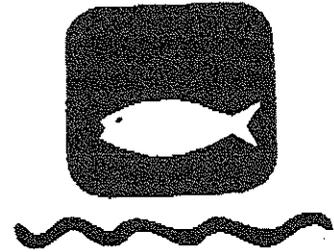


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June 28, 2002

Kendra Phillips  
Northwest Power Planning Council  
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Dear Ms. Phillips:

Re: Project ID: 34018

I am writing on behalf of Idaho United for Fish & Water, a coalition which supports the pursuit of technological alternatives that are scientifically sound--including fish guidance improvements to move fish away from irrigation diversions, water intake areas and other dangers. A list of the members and the mission statement is attached.

The Watershed Professional Network has submitted a proposal for funding under the Northwest Power Planning Council innovative projects program. The funds would be used to speed testing and acceptance of a new method of keeping fish out of irrigation diversions and water intake systems developed by Balaton Power, Inc..

There are an estimated 55,000 unscreened diversions in Oregon alone. In both the Methow Valley and Klamath Basin, screening was an issue. A recent news article pointed out that Forest Service is looking at 1,000 unscreened diversions in the Salmon-Challis National Forest in Idaho. Farmers and cattlemen face the potential of third party lawsuits over fish screens. While current screening is considered state of the art, it is expensive and requires a great deal of maintenance in order to be effective.

The Pisces unit as developed by Balaton Power, Inc. could provide some relief and aid us in our efforts to recover the Northwest's threatened and endangered salmon runs. It could be a lower cost method that can be more effective, less dangerous for fish and require less maintenance than many of the traditional methods of screening.

The project was submitted to the ISRP for \$194,000 for more extensive testing of the Pisces but the project was not ranked. Since then, the Yakama tribe and Balaton have tested the system at tribal facilities with good results.

On behalf of Idaho United for Fish & Water, I urge the Council to reconsider this project.

Sincerely,

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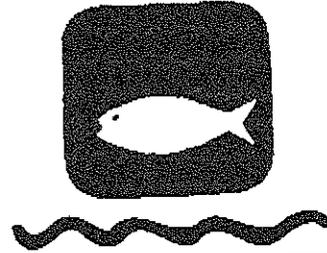
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Idaho Association of Counties  
Idaho Cattle Association  
Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry  
Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association  
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation  
Idaho State Grange  
Idaho Women in Timber  
Lewiston Chamber of Commerce  
Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Idaho Food Producers  
Idaho Dairymen's Association  
Idaho Co-op Council  
Idaho Weed Control Association  
South Idaho Chapter-Northwest Timber Workers Resource Council

### Mission Statement

To preserve and restore both Idaho's water resources and its anadromous fish runs and protect Idaho's economic health.

*There is no scientific guarantee that breaching the four lower Snake River dams would save Idaho's anadromous fish. Likewise, there is no evidence that additional flow augmentation from the upper Snake River would improve their chances of surviving. Either action would greatly exacerbate the Pacific Northwest's critical power supply shortages. Of 26 anadromous fish runs currently listed as threatened or endangered, only four pass the Snake River dams. We must unify the region behind a comprehensive plan to re-establish sustainable populations of Idaho's wild salmon and steelhead that preserves Idaho's water and energy resources.*