



June 29, 2021

Leonard Forsman
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Dear Mr Forsman,

This letter of support is submitted on behalf of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads). The Broads is a national grassroots organization with over 8,000 members, led by women who engage in community outreach that inspires activism to preserve, protect, and restore wilderness and wild places. Eleven Broadbands in the Northwest actively engage in a “Don’t Dam Salmon” campaign. With a goal of restoring the lower Snake River watershed, this campaign advocates breaching the four lower Snake River dams to save salmon, steelhead, lamprey, and Southern Resident Orca from extinction.

The Broads strongly support the recent unanimously-enacted resolution from the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest (ATNI)

RESOLUTION #2021 - 00

“CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE 117th CONGRESS TO SEIZE THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CONGRESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN SALMON AND RIVER RESTORATION IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, CHARTING A STRONGER, BETTER FUTURE FOR THE NORTHWEST, AND BRINGING LONG-IGNORED TRIBAL JUSTICE TO OUR PEOPLES AND HOMELANDS.” (Resolution).

Thousands of the Broads members who live on ancestral lands of the ATNI Tribes and elsewhere around the U.S., join in the call for the environmental and social justice actions in the Resolution, and thank the Tribes for the bold statements and urgent calls for action.

Broads demand that the Biden Administration and Congress heed the immediacy of requests for actions in the Resolution to be implemented this year: (1) Set aside funding to support tribal rights; (2) Breach the four lower Snake River Dams, restoring the free-flowing Snake River; (3) Provide appropriate mitigation and economic opportunities for the affected economies and communities; and (4) Convene a Northwest Tribal Salmon and Orca Summit at an ATNI location with tribal leaders, Biden administration, and members of Congress.

The Resolution is clear, the time is now to rectify the broken promises to the ATNI Tribes. Restoring the lower Snake River to its free-flowing state will honor treaty rights, and prevent extinction of the keystone wild salmon species and the iconic Southern Resident Orca.

Sincerely,

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