

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 31, 2023

The White House Office of Legislative Affairs  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We commend your leadership in signing the [Memorandum on Restoring Healthy and Abundant Salmon, Steelhead, and Other Native Fish Populations in the Columbia River Basin](#) on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Over the past century, salmon and steelhead runs have declined in the Columbia River Basin. This is deeply troubling given the cultural significance of these species, and their importance to the region.

Your memorandum makes it clear that now is the time for federal agencies to work with the Columbia River Basin's Tribes, states, local governments, and stakeholders to create durable and collaborative solutions to recover and restore these species. Federal agencies must use their existing authorities and funding, including those provided under the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, to meet your goal, and work to get any additional funding that may be necessary.

You have called for a sustained national effort to protect salmon and other native species in the Columbia River Basin and have made recovering healthy and abundant salmon a priority for the entire federal government, all the while upholding the commitments made to the Northwest Tribal Nations. We support this action and look forward to working with you to ensure its success alongside our vibrant Pacific Northwest economy.

Thank you for your commitment to the recovery of salmon, steelhead and native fish species in the basin, and for making this a priority of your administration. We stand ready to work with you, the Northwest Tribal Nations, state and local partners, and regional stakeholders to make this priority a reality.

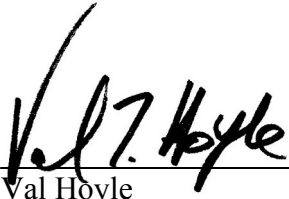
Sincerely,



Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress



Andrea Salinas  
Member of Congress

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Val Hoyle  
Member of Congress