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Status of the Klamath River Dam Removal Negotiations

The Northern Calif Council FFI continues to participate in the work to decommission the 4 Lower Klamath River dams. We started this effort in 2003, and great progress has been made. However, we are facing stiff pressure from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). They have not yet approved transfer of the license to operate from PacifiCorp to the Klamath River Renewal Corp. We have been waiting since last fall.

As you may know, we are on a time schedule to start removal in January, 2022. Because of slow action from FERC we may not be able to meet that schedule. If we have to move it forward into 2023, we may not have enough money. We have \$450 million in the bank today, but if we don't stay on schedule we likely will have to find some additional funds to ensure the project can be completed as planned. Stay tuned as we press forward. A free flowing Klamath into Oregon is our goal, with salmon & steelhead returning to their historic spawning grounds in the Sprague, Wood & Williamson rivers.