

From Northern Calif Council of FFI in October

Klamath Dam Removal

As many of you may know, we have run into a snag on removing the 4 dams on the Klamath River. We did receive a license transfer order from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) but it kept PacifiCorp on the license instead of moving the sole licensee over to the Klamath River Renewal Corp. (KRRRC). This caused PacifiCorp to be unsure about moving forward due to possible liability and cost concerns. We are currently in negotiations with them on how we can move forward with what FERC has allowed. Oregon, California, Tribes and a Representative of the NGO community are working to find a solution. What this is causing is doubt we can still make our January 2022 removal start date. Representative Jared Huffman has introduced legislation in Congress to put pressure on PacifiCorp to move forward (HR4447) or suffer liability for the negative impacts their dams are causing to water quality and fishery loss, as well as put in place new requirements for licensure if they walk away from the current agreement. We have until December to find a solution. Everyone is trying, but PacifiCorp remains a less than ideal partner.