

From: [Jeff](#)
To: [Wr401program](#)
Subject: Klamath River water quality
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:06:00 AM

Dear Water Board,

I am writing you to let you know that I am encourage you to remove the dams on the Klamath River below Klamath Lake.

I fish the Klamath River below Iron Gate Dam a number of times a year. Mostly in the summer months. When the fish aren't biting the water is certainly warm and pleasant for swimming. Unfortunately the elevated water temperatures are not good for the fishery and water quality issues caused by plant life blooms. At times there is so much seaweed that the water barely flows. Higher water temperatures encourage plant life growth-which encourages even slower water-which in turn encourage higher temperatures creating a destructive loop. Removal of the dams will bring the water temperatures down and return the river bottoms to a more natural and less silted state in which weeds cannot flourish so readily. Lower water temperatures will also discourage destructive algae blooms which are main contributors to water quality problems.

Please consider removing the dams for the health of the river ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Mikeska

Santa Barbara California/Ashland Oregon