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**From:** Kathryn Glaessner <crimsonsagenursery@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Wr401program  
**Subject:** scoping comments for Klamath Dam relicensing

I am a resident and property owner along the Klamath River just outside the town of Orleans. I have been attending meetings in support of Dam removal for the last 10 years . In the relatively short time I have lived here { 13 years } I have witnessed a horrible decline in the water quality of the Klamath River. We ,myself and my children, always would swam from may through June in the Klamath but that is no longer a viable option since 2005 as the water turns algaeish and smelly much earlier in spring now. My daughter worked for our watershed council as a fisheries tech in the summers of 2013 and 2014 she witnessed dead fish daily as they worked hard creating refugia in the colder creek mouths where possible. Working daily in the Klamath River She had skin rashes and even had to be on antibiotics when a tiny scrape she barely noticed turned into an angry foot infection after one day of working in the river. The native families here no longer have the food from the river they need for their health. I do not see how the waterboard can recommend any option except dam removal of all 3 dams as soon as possible. The Klamath is on the brink of collapse , The genocide and profound disrespect of our indigenous people is what this country is founded upon. You as a board have the opportunity to take a step toward repairing a river system and showing respect toward the tribes that depend on it for their food for their health and for all of us here on the river . I urge you from the bottom of my heart you have an opportunity here to make history Bring all three dams down restore the Klamath river to it's natural heritage it will be an example of the greatest restoration project in history and an opportunity for this country to give something back to the native people who have lost so much . Take all 3 dams down there is no other acceptable alternative, Thank you, Kathryn Glaessner Owner Crimson sage Nursery Orleans, CA