



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TITLE: Opposition to Removal or Breaching of the Four Lower Snake River Dams.

SPONSORING ENTITY/IES CD(s): Franklin

AREA: NW SW NC SC NE SE

RESOLUTION TYPE:

- Policy
- Position Statement
- Recognition
- Study

RESOLUTION ACTION AGENCY (check any option that applies):

- WACD
- WSCC
- OTHER STATE AGENCY _____
- NRCS
- NACD (See Page 2)
- NON-STATE/FEDERAL PARTNER _____

TYPE OF TEXT OF RESOLUTION (check all boxes that apply):

- Technical (changes address grammar, punctuation, sentence flow and makes **NO** substantive change(s) to the existing policy.
- Substantive change to existing policy. If in doubt, check the box.
- New policy.

BACKGROUND DESCRIBING THE ISSUE/PROBLEM STATEMENT: Litigation surrounding the Biological Opinion prepared to address recovery of Snake River Steelhead and Salmon stocks in the Snake River has continued for decades. While the most recent Biological Opinion did not include removal or breaching of the dams as the preferred alternative, some groups oppose any option except full breach/removal of the dams. Hence, the Biological Opinion is once again being challenged in court. WACD should recognize the importance of these dams for transportation, irrigation, recreation, and clean energy generation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE: WACD opposes removal or breaching of the four Lower Snake River Dams.



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IS THERE A WACD FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY? (Funding required, staff time, etc.)

NO

YES (briefly explain): It may require some minimal WACD staff time to track the issue and comment if the opportunity exists.

If the proposed resolution is to be adopted by NACD complete the sections below to the best of your ability. If the resolution is adopted at the state level, please reach out to the NACD National Director for assistance in finalizing this form.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION LANGUAGE:

If this resolution is adopted by NACD and included in the NACD Policy book it must clearly and concisely, using active verbs, state the specific action(s) expected of NACD; must be based on fact, avoiding opinions and beliefs; the statement should make sense even without the background. (THIS IS GENERALLY NOT WHERE A "WHEREAS" STATEMENT WOULD GO)

SPONSOR(S) ACTIONS TO DATE: (What has been done to address the issue; which agencies and organizations have addressed it also.)

IMPACT ON EXISTING NACD POLICY (if any): (Review NACD Policy Book for existing policies covering this issue.)

IF APPROPRIATE, POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT ON NACD'S OR A FEDERAL AGENCY BUDGET:

(E.g., travel, training, equipment, etc.)

MEETING AND DATE ADOPTED BY SPONSORING ENTITY: (E.g., WACD annual meeting date)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S) AND TITLE(S): (Type name and Title)

WACD National Director (NACD board member)