

RESOLUTION NO. 2036

MAR 22 2000

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING DAM BREACHINGS AND RIVER DRAWDOWNS ON THE SNAKE AND COLUMBIA RIVERS.

WHEREAS, environmental and economic reviews for salmon recovery have been conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bonneville Power Administration, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, the river drawdown and dam breaching issue is now the single greatest impediment to the review and implementation of meaningful salmon recovery measures;

WHEREAS, the science developed through years of research by members of the caucus supports this concept and the most recent studies suggest that breaching dams would cost billions of dollars annually and disrupt the economy of the region while returning only minimal benefits for salmon over non-dam breaching alternatives;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF PENDLETON opposes any breaching of dams and any river drawdowns on the Snake and Columbia Rivers; and

FURTHER, the region's governors should support the Northwest Power Planning Council's 2000 Fish and Wildlife Program for salmon recovery in our region.

PASSED by the vote of the Council Members present and approved by the Mayor this 15th day of February, 2000.

APPROVED: Robert E. Ramig
Robert E. Ramig, Mayor

ATTEST: Julia Zoske
Julia Zoske, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Peter H. Wells, City Attorney