

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING *THE NORTHWEST IN TRANSITION*, A COMPREHENSIVE RIVER RESTORATION AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLAN TO BENEFIT ALL OF THE NORTHWEST AND ENSURE PRESERVATION OF THE NORTHWEST WAY OF LIFE, STRENGTHEN OUR AGRICULTURAL AND FISHING COMMUNITIES, MODERNIZE OUR ENERGY GRID, AND RESTORE SALMON AND STEELHEAD POPULATIONS TO HEALTHY, HARVESTABLE ABUNDANCE

- Whereas,** for longer than anyone can remember, Idaho's salmon and steelhead have migrated from the Pacific Ocean, up the Columbia River and the Snake River, finishing this 900-mile journey in the clean, clear waters of the tributaries of the Clearwater and Salmon Rivers to spawn a new generation of anadromous fish, and then to die; and
- Whereas,** since before recorded history, Idaho's salmon and steelhead have fed people who live in Idaho and along the waterway of their journey, as well as native wildlife and the forests through which they pass; and
- Whereas,** each new generation of salmon and steelhead hatched in Idaho waters returns to the ocean through the same streams and rivers traveled by the fish that spawned them; and
- Whereas,** the number of returning salmon and steelhead each year has declined to the point of very near extinction despite the fact that for 30 years, government has spent \$17 billion in an effort to save them, yet their decline continues; and
- Whereas,** most of the notable and learned fish biologists who have studied this subject agree that the only way to reverse this decline is to breach the four dams on the Lower Snake River because these dams kill juvenile fish on the way to the ocean and the warm slack water they create also kills returning fish; and
- Whereas,** if these fish are allowed to go extinct, every part of Idaho receiving revenues from tourism will suffer economic decline because outdoor enthusiasts who fish, or merely desire to watch this migration, will no longer come to Idaho; and
- Whereas,** those outdoor enthusiasts will not only affect the towns and cities on the rivers, but will also affect travel in and out of all of Idaho resulting in lost income to the entire state; and
- Whereas,** Representative Mike Simpson has put forward a plan which will not only take out the four dams on the Lower Snake but will make parties and interest groups whole in the system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Ketchum, that the City of Ketchum supports binging our precious salmon and steelhead back to Idaho, endorses removing the

four Lower Snake River dams, and commends Representative Mike Simpson for his bold moves to save such a historically significant part of the Great State of Idaho.

This Resolution will be in full force and effect upon its adoption this 15th day of March 2021.

CITY OF KETCHUM

Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katrin Sharp
Interim City Clerk