

Dear Secretary Bose,

I urge the Commission to move immediately to begin license surrender and project decommissioning on the Potter Valley Project.

For over 100 years this project has diverted water out of the Eel and into the Russian River, to the great detriment of Eel River wildlife and residents. We have watched our salmon runs plummet to around 5% of their historical abundance, despite the high-quality habitat in the watershed.

Eel River salmon and steelhead have been locked out of hundreds of miles of high-quality, cold-water habitat behind Scott dam for a century. This habitat would also provide refuge from the invasive and predatory pikeminnow, a species introduced to the Eel via the Potter Valley Project.

It's time to end the abuse of the Eel River and its fisheries. It's time to start removing the Eel River dams.

Sincerely,