**Klamath Basin Collaborative Monitoring Workgroup**

**Recommendation**

***Whereas:*** The Klamath Basinsupports a broad assemblage of resident and anadromous fish species, including threatened and endangered species, that are important to tribal and local communities, and commercial and recreational fishing interests;

***Whereas***: Monitoring fish in the Klamath Basin is critical for establishing and managing sustainable harvest allocations, protecting threatened and endangered species, protecting tribal trust resources, and understanding the impacts of restoration activities, including recent dam removals;

***Whereas****:* Monitoring fish in the Klamath Basin is a collective endeavor involving communication and coordination across tribal governments, federal agencies, the State of California, the State of Oregon and local non-governmental organizations;

***Whereas:*** Funding for fish monitoring in the Klamath Basin is derived from multiple state, federal, tribal and private sources; and

***Whereas:*** Technical staff from all the entities working on fish monitoring in the Klamath Basin were convened by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission throughout 2025 to prepare a collaborative monitoring plan for the next two years (2026 and 2027);

The parties responsible for conducting fish monitoring activities in the Klamath Basin collectively offer the following recommendations:

1. Continue to embrace a collaborative approach to monitoring that leverages partnerships, seeks efficiencies and promotes a integrated basin-wide approach to fish, habitat and water quality monitoring.
2. Establish a standing committee comprised of program level managers to share information and provide input regarding future monitoring funding decisions.
3. Rely on the information presented in the 26/27 Klamath Basin Fish Monitoring Plan when making future funding decisions.
4. Develop an accurate accounting of program level and activity level funding and expenditures for fish monitoring in the Basin.
5. Support funding levels that maintain program level capacity to manage fish, habitat and water quality monitoring activities over the long term.
6. Consider consolidating resources for specific monitoring activities (e.g. managing PIT tag arrays) to service multiple regions within the Basin.
7. Hold an annual workshop involving representatives from all the parties involved in fish monitoring in the Klamath Basin to review the previous year’s monitoring activities.
8. Prepare an annual report summarizing fish monitoring activities.
9. Develop a 5-yr monitoring strategy that can guide future decision making.
10. Coordinate with other ongoing initiatives (e.g. Klamath Basin Science Collaborative) to share information and align monitoring activities with ongoing and planned research and habitat restoration initiatives in the Basin.