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5 On page 2, after line 8, strike all material through line 24 and  
6 insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, There is continued uncertainty regarding the extent of  
8 biological benefits to salmon of some proposed solutions, including  
9 increased stream velocity; and

10 WHEREAS, Drawdowns below minimum operating pool on the Snake River,  
11 demonstrated by the test drawdowns conducted in March 1992 for the  
12 limited purpose of evaluating impacts to physical structures and  
13 facilities, provided limited migration benefits for the salmon, caused  
14 the loss of as many as thirty thousand resident fish, disrupted  
15 navigation, and caused substantial physical property damage to public  
16 and private facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, Maintaining reservoir levels at minimum operating pool  
18 and, in the absence of modifications to existing irrigation pump  
19 stations, at minimum irrigation pool on the John Day reservoir, enables  
20 the river system to support critical economic activity;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that any future  
22 drawdowns on the Columbia-Snake River system be limited to minimum  
23 operating pool on the Snake River projects or minimum operating pool  
24 coupled with irrigation pump modification on the John Day reservoir  
25 unless, based on and supported by the best available scientific  
26 knowledge, further drawdowns are determined to be a biologically  
27 prudent alternative and, where equally effective alternative means of  
28 achieving the same sound biological objective exist, are the  
29 alternative with the minimum economic cost; and"

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