

## DEQ Public Hearing On Klamath River Restoration Project

December 6, 2011

I am James R. Ottoman, welcome to the high desert and land of sunshine.

I really appreciate the time and effort all of you are putting into this DEQ policy advisory committee. I was fortunate to have served on this committee for six years –from 1976 to 1982. During that time Congress passed two amendments to the Clean Water Act. We were able to solve some of the more obvious pollution problems through out the state. That is a story in itself !

The John Boyle Dam is one of Oregon's newest dams and it produces 75% of the total power generated on the entire Klamath River. It also has a fish ladder built in for trophy size trout and hopefully in the future, salmon.

Waters above the dam and in the Upper Klamath water shed have many natural pollutants. Upper Klamath Lake is eutrophic being well nourished with abundant phosphorous, nitrogen and many hot springs. Fall and Spring migrations of millions of ducks and geese pollute in their own way. Additionally, waters of the Klamath Basin just naturally flow slowly because of the flat land. Sediment build up behind the John Boyle Dam has pollutants that cannot be removed by the concept of “ the solution for pollution is dilution”!!

Article X11, section C of the Klamath River Compact states “each state shall have the primary responsibility for any pollution that actively affects the other state “. I'm certain that the authors of the Compact did not visualize that sediment behind the John Boyle Dam would ever be a pollution problem. Their concern was that California might take all the Upper Klamath waters as it did on the Trinity.

Removal of the John Boyle Dam would cause the state of Oregon many legal and financial problems .

If California calls for the removal of all THEIR dams, so be it! Oregon should keep ITS John Boyle Dam intact.

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