

# CITY of POWERS

October 11, 2021

State of Oregon  
Office of the Governor  
Attn: Governor Kate Brown  
900 Court St. NE, Ste. 254  
Salem, OR 97301-4047

**Subject:        *Letter of Support for Coquille Indian Tribe  
Chinook Salmon in Coquille River***

Dear Governor Brown,

We would like to express our support for the Coquille Indian Tribe's campaign to save Chinook salmon in the Coquille River. Losing the fall Chinook run would be a tragedy.

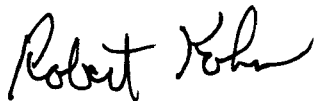
Although salmon have declined in rivers across Oregon, the Coquille River's fall run is the weakest. There are lots of reasons, including invasive bass, hungry seals, hatchery shortfalls, poor habitat, and water pollution. The salmon need urgent action in order to survive.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife does what it can with limited resources—but it's not enough. That's why we urge you to support the Coquille Indian Tribe's proposed co-management plan.

As you may know, the Coquille Tribe has lived along this river for thousands of years. Ancestors of today's tribe learned to live in harmony with the river and its fisheries. Tribal members care deeply about the health of our river and the future of our salmon. Their resources, experience, and passion are the fall Chinook's best hope.

We urge you to accept the tribe's help and build an effective coalition to heal our watershed. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you about the potential partnership to aid the Chinook.

Respectfully,



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