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Save Our Smolts

We are facing a crisis with improving the salmon fishery in the Columbia River and in fact all our coastal streams.

The dictionary definition of the Cormorant is “diving bird that preys intensely on fish”. Experts safely state that 10,000 nesting pairs of Cormorants as stated above (2009) could eat on Sand Island ½ million smolts daily as these young fish spend weeks adjusting to salt water before entering the ocean. There are now 15,000 breeding pairs who experts say that they will consume 30 million smolts this year.

Bonneville Power Administration states we have spent \$13 billion on trying to restore these various runs of fish. This problem is a lot bigger than just us here in Oregon. It affects citizens of Alaska, Canada, Washington, Idaho and California. We need to act now. We need to petition the Federal Fisheries Department to either destroy a large part of this Cormorant population over (24 states are doing this) and start a program to lower their population and destroy their nesting sites which were created by the Army Corps of Engineers and or use a method already that has been used on birds in New York state that coats the egg with light oil that kills the embryo.

Thank you,

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