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**Tri-City Regional Chamber Formally Requests Senator Cantwell to Oppose Obama Appointment of Dam Removal Advocate**

President Obama has made a controversial nomination for the Interior Department's next Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, a position that oversees national parks and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rebecca Wodder, who since 1995 has served as CEO of American Rivers, a national river conservation group, was picked to replace Tom Strickland, who left the Interior for the private sector in early January. Ms. Wodder advocates Lower Snake River Dam removal without consideration to the remarkable stock improvements that have occurred *without* dam removal. Wodder even criticized the BiOp (Salmon and Steelhead restoration plan for the Columbia River) that the Obama administration supports, as well as Montana, Idaho, Washington State, the tribes and Democrat & Republican lawmakers.

Removal of the Lower Snake River Dams would have a devastating effect on the Tri-Cities, and would prove to be an economic disaster for Washington State. The Columbia River hydropower system provides carbon-free electricity to industries throughout the region, and provides hundreds-of-thousands of jobs whether it be manufacturing, agriculture, trade and transportation to name a few.

The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce has formally requested Senator Cantwell to oppose the Senate Confirmation of Rebecca Wodder.

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