

Resolution 2009-__
Yakima Valley Audubon Society

Whereas, Bumping Lake is a reservoir for Bumping Lake Dam located within Yakima County in the Naches Ranger District of the Wenatchee National Forest in the Cascade Mountains which is part of the Yakima Project owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington;

And whereas, Deep Creek and Bumping River, which flow into Bumping Lake, as well as Bumping Lake itself are known to contain Bull Trout populations, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act;

And whereas, Bumping Lake's shoreline and mountainous terrain have many wildlife habitats including those associated with state and federally listed endangered or threatened wildlife species, including the American peregrine falcon and the Northern spotted owl, as well as habitat associated with the wolverine, a state and federal species of concern;

And whereas, if Bumping Lake were enlarged to a capacity of 400,000–458,000 acre-feet (as considered as an alternative in the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project), some 2,800 acres of terrestrial habitat, including approximately 1,900 acres of old growth timber which serves as habitat for the Northern spotted owl, would be inundated;

And whereas, enlarging Bumping Lake would inundate approximately 10 miles of perennial and intermittent stream habitat downstream from the existing dam and upstream of the existing reservoir, affecting the aquatic ecosystem and fishery resources, adversely affecting critical bull trout habitat;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of the Yakima Valley Audubon Society (YVAS) that YVAS does not support expansion of the current Bumping Lake reservoir due to probable negative impacts to state and federally endangered or threatened species and species of concern.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2009



Bill Drenguis, President

Attested to:



Vera Backstrom, Secretary