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Today, Members of Congress learned that on April 10th, the Justice Department is expected to ask U.S. District Court Judge Sandra Armstrong to reconsider her ruling that stated that the Bureau of Reclamation must limit the amount of water that is diverted away from the Klamath River and its struggling salmon. This came one day after the Pacific Fisheries Management Council voted to limit the 2006 salmon catch to the lowest point ever, due to poor salmon runs on the Klamath.

Upon learning of these twin attacks on our local commercial fishermen, Representative Anna Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) issued the following statement.

"The Bush Administration has made a mess of managing water supplies on the Klamath River, and our fishing communities, as they have before, are being asked to forego their livelihoods to make up for it," said Eshoo. "Instead of addressing the problem, the Administration is hell-bent on continuing its mismanagement of the Klamath."

"The Administration needs to make this right. That means compensation for affected commercial and recreational fishers and related businesses, and it means building consensus to craft a long-term solution for responsible management of the Klamath Basin."

Representative Eshoo has consistently pushed for federal disaster assistance for commercial fisherman who will be negatively impacted by the decision by the PFMC and the Administration's mismanagement of the Klamath River.