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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. McMorris Rodgers (for herself and [see attached list of cosponsors]) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act:

(1) FCRPS.—The term “FCRPS” means the Federal Columbia River Power System.
(2) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries” means—

(A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation;

(B) the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Bonneville Power Administration;

(C) Secretaries of the Army, acting through the Army Corps of Engineers.


SEC. 2. OPERATION OF FCRPS.

The Secretaries shall operate the FCRPS in a manner consistent with the reasonable and prudent alternative set forth in the Supplemental Opinion until the later of the following dates:

(1) September 30, 2022.

(2) The date upon which a subsequent final biological opinion for the FCRPS operations is—
(A) issued after completion of the final environmental impact statement on a record of decision for a new operations plan for the FCRPS; and

(B) in effect, with no pending further judicial review.

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION.

(a) In General.—Notwithstanding section 2, the Secretaries may amend portions of the Supplemental Opinion and operate the FCRPS in accordance with such amendments, before the date established under section 2 if all of the Secretaries determine, in the sole discretion of each Secretary, that—

(1) the amendment is necessary for public safety or transmission and grid reliability; or

(2) the actions, operations, or other requirements that the amendment would remove are no longer warranted.

(b) Restriction on Amendments.—The process described in subsection (a) shall be the only method by which the Secretaries may operate the FCRPS during the time period established under section 2 in any way that is not consistent with the reasonable and prudent alternatives set forth in the Supplemental Opinion.
SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON Restricting FCRPS electrical
generation or navigation on the Snake
River.

No structural modification, action, study, or engineering plan that restricts electrical generation at any Federal Columbia Power System hydroelectric dam, or that limits navigation on the Snake River in the State of Washington, Oregon, or Idaho, shall proceed unless such proposal is specifically and expressly authorized by an Act of Congress enacted after the date of submission to Congress of a proposal for such modification, action, study, or engineering plan, respectively.