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Submitted via email: michelle.dale@deq.idaho.gov

RE: Retracting/Revising ICL's Comment on EPA's 304(a) Aquatic Life Criteria for Mercury

Dear Ms. Dale,

I'm writing to retract ICL's comment, submitted to IDEQ on June 24, 2020, pertaining to IDEQ's adoption of EPA's 304(a) aquatic life criteria for mercury.

Recognizing that we are beyond the designated comment window, I offer the following comment should IDEQ be willing to accept it:

Regardless of what path IDEQ chooses regarding aquatic life mercury criteria, we believe it is important to have interim mercury limits while Idaho pursues their chosen path. Per the EPA recommendations on this issue, we feel it would be appropriate to set interim acute and chronic criteria of 1.4 ug/l and 0.012 ug/l, respectively, until such time that IDEQ has demonstrated that other standards are protective of aquatic life.

We thank you for considering these comments and ask that you please send us subsequent material related to DEQ's Triennial Review. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 208-345-6933 ext. 23 or awalkins@idahoconservation.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Austin Walkins".

Austin Walkins
Climate Campaign Coordinator