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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 9637 - Protecting Columbia River Salmon Act of 2026

(Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez, D-WA)

The Administration strongly supports passage of H.R. 9637, which would amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize certain Indian Tribes to engage in intentional lethal taking of California sea lions and Eastern Distinct Population Segment Steller sea lions on covered waters of the Columbia River.

Sea lion predation has a significant negative impact on the recovery of salmon and steelhead fishery stocks in certain areas of the Pacific Northwest, and the targeted taking of sea lions is at times warranted to promote the recovery of certain stocks of salmonids or other fish. This bill would provide greater flexibility for the removal of sea lions on the covered waters and it supports the Administration's priorities in Executive Order 14276, Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness, to rebuild fisheries and support the long-term sustainability of fishing communities.

If H.R. 9637 were presented to the President, his senior advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.

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