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The Executive Board of the Spokane Canoe and Kayak Club would like to be on record as favoring the maximum protection Alternative Plan for the Hanford Reach, which appears to be Alternative #2, from the information gleaned at the hearing by the Club's Conservation Chair on June 3, 1999.

It is the Board's recommendation, however, that the modifications to Alternative #2 recommended by the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society / CRCL be adopted, to secure protections beyond the basic Alternative #2, namely:

1. Designation of all lands within the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, Wahluke Slope, islands in the Columbia River, Riverlands and McGee Ranch as a national wildlife refuge, and the Columbia River portion as a Recreational Wild and Scenic River.

2. That access be improved for those who prefer non-motorized travel on the Hanford Reach. This would include provision of camp-sites for greater flexibility for paddlers, for wind conditions can be treacherous occasionally.

To enhance the aesthetic qualities of the area, we recommend that grazing, mining, and housing developments are incompatible to best preservation of the area.

Thank you for this opportunity for expression of our concern for one of the more beautiful places in the state of Washington. The Spokane Canoe and Kayak Club has about 240 members who enjoy paddling throughout the Northwest. We hope that you will give our request serious consideration.

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