

## Research Information Sheet

### *Social impact assessment of Klamath dam removal for tribal community well-being: a collaborative research initiative with the Karuk Tribe*

**Description:** You are respectfully invited to participate in a research study that involves the Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources and Stanford University. Through our collaborative partnership, we are conducting a social impact assessment of Klamath dam removal that centers tribal community well-being.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this study is to understand:

- Social impacts and goals for Klamath dam removal from a tribal perspective (e.g., access to cultural resources, health, livelihoods, education, and self-determination),
- How benefits from dam removal are being distributed to tribal community, and
- How Indigenous communities and knowledges can be meaningfully included in social impact assessment.

**Procedures:** If you agree to be in this study, you will be invited to do the following:

- Participate in an interview or focus group. The interview can take place in a tribal community center, or on a secure university Zoom video call. You do not have to respond to any questions that you do not feel comfortable answering.
- We will invite you to discuss important components of social well-being that are currently experienced by you and/or your family, such as access to cultural resources, health or economic opportunities that can be predicted to change with Klamath dam removal and river restoration. We will also ask about what changes in social well-being you would like to see for the tribal community following dam removal.
- With your permission, the interview will be audio-recorded and transcribed. This information will be uploaded to a personal computer that is password protected, and held confidentially by the research team. Interview transcripts and audio recordings will be stored with the Karuk Department of Natural Resources following the study. Researchers may also save the written notes and audio files for use in future research done by themselves.

**Time involvement:**

- Interviews or focus groups will take approximately 1-2 hours.

**Benefits:** While we cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study, we hope that the information gained from this study will assist tribes in advancing ecological and cultural restoration of tribal lands and waters by:

- Providing an opportunity for tribal members to contribute their unique experiences and opinions to a social assessment of dam removal;
- Increasing understanding of tribal goals for dam removal that can forward eco-cultural revitalization, as well as economic opportunities for tribal members; and
- Informing social impact assessment approaches for other tribal communities.

**Risks/Discomforts:**

- Some questions may produce feelings of frustration, but you have the right to refuse to answer any question, stop the interview, or leave the focus group at any time.
- The probability of work-related repercussions risks is low. Questions will primarily cover topics which tribal members have already publicly spoken on.
- Confidentiality: With your permission, your name will be given with the information you provide. As thoroughly experienced, knowledgeable, and trusted individuals, the research team wishes to provide you with the option of using your name and voice in recognition of your unique engagement with the topic.
- If you do not wish to be named, we will keep your information confidential.
- As in any research, there is a chance that confidentiality could be compromised. We are taking precautions to minimize this risk. Study data will be stored securely, in compliance with Stanford University standards, minimizing the risk of confidentiality breach.

**Payments:** Not all study participants will receive payment. We will recognize the expertise of cultural practitioners participating in the study with a gift card/gas card. We will provide any additional focus group participants with a gift card/gas card to cover transportation costs and their time. We will also conduct an optional raffle for survey participants (approximately five small prizes) in appreciation of your contributions. Individuals will not be required to participate in the research to enter the raffle.

**Participant's Rights:** If you have read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand:

- Your participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty. The alternative is not to participate. You also have the right to refuse to answer particular questions.
- Research results may be presented at scientific or professional meetings or published in scientific journals. With your permission, your identity will be made known in written materials resulting from the study. If you do not wish to be named, your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data.
- Please note that in accordance with scientific norms, the data from this study may be used or shared with other researchers for future research (after removing personally identifying information) without additional consent from you.
- Due to legal requirements, it is possible that, based on information gained from this study, the researchers may be required to report information if you or someone else is in danger (e.g., information relating to suicide, physical or sexual abuse) to the appropriate authorities.

**Contact information:**

**Questions:** If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research, its procedures, risks and benefits, contact investigator Sibyl Diver, 206-849-5577, [sdiver@stanford.edu](mailto:sdiver@stanford.edu).

**Independent Contact:** If you are not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or general questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please contact the Stanford Institutional Review Board (IRB) to speak to someone independent of the research team at (650)-723-2480 or toll free at 1-866-680-2906, or email at [irbnonmed@stanford.edu](mailto:irbnonmed@stanford.edu). You can also write to the Stanford IRB, Stanford University, 1705 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

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**Consent Process:**

*If you agree to participate in this research*, please indicate this to the researcher. In addition, please indicate your preferences on how you would like your information to be used.

- With your permission, the interview will be **audio recorded** for the purpose of interview transcription. If you do not wish to be audio recorded, please indicate this to the researcher.
- With your permission, your **name will be used** in written materials resulting from the study (interview transcripts and published quotes that we review with you). If you do not wish to be named, please indicate this to the researcher, and your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data.
- With your permission, audio recordings and written **materials will be stored** with the Karuk Department of Natural Resources following the study. If you do not agree with this, please indicate this to the researcher.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The extra copy of this consent form is for you to keep. (Or please save or print a copy of this document for your records.)