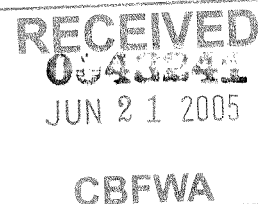




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Dear Mr. Sando,

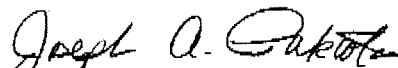
This letter comes after much discussion and consideration regarding our membership in the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA). Due to our growing lack of confidence in the organization's staff and membership in relationship to our sovereignty and needs, we respectfully withdraw from the CBFWA organization pursuant to Section 406 of the Charter.

Until such time that the organization can be reorganized and committed to represent the needs of all its members, we can no longer subordinate our needs and issues to the other members of CBFWA.

Consider this letter as official notice of our withdrawal from the organization which will officially end ninety days from receipt of this letter. Please disseminate this letter to the entire membership in accordance with Section 406 of the Charter.

We understand that new leadership for CBFWA is right around the corner, and that it may be in the best interest of the new director and the organization as a whole to reassess the charter, staffing and membership representation of CBFWA in order to once again serve all members and include all nineteen fish and wildlife managers and tribes.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph Pakootas, Chairman