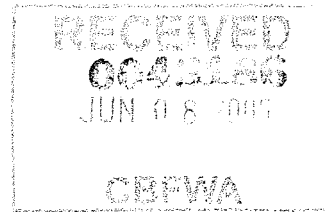


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Mr. Rod Sando, Executive Director  
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority  
851 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 260  
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RE: CBFWA Membership Withdrawal

Dear Mr. Sando:

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho hereby notifies the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) of its 90-day written notice to withdraw its membership under Section 406 of the CBFWA Charter.

The Tribe and its staff have become increasingly concerned about the failure of CBFWA to respect Kootenai Tribal interests and sovereignty and address concerns raised by the Tribe and its sister-Tribes in the Upper Columbia United Tribes. After discussing and considering the matter, the Tribe concluded that it had no choice but to take the significant action to withdraw its membership.

The Tribe hopes that the CBFWA organization will use the next 90 days to carefully consider its future and take actions representative of the entire Membership. If necessary changes are made to the Charter and the organization, the Tribe will reconsider its decision to withdraw.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gary Aitken Sr.'.

Gary Aitken, Sr. Chairman  
Kootenai Tribal Council

cc: Members of CBFWA  
UCUT Members  
Tribal Attorney