

## **Spokane Tribe of Indians**

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June 10, 2005

Rod Sando, Executive Director Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority 851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 260 Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Sando:

The Spokane Tribe of Indians is writing to inform you and the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) of the decision by the Spokane Tribe to with draw its membership from this organization.

The Spokane Tribe has had growing concerns over the course of the last year with how CBFWA Staff and Members have continually ignored our interests within the Upper Columbia. The Spokane Tribe respectfully and regretfully withdraws our membership from the CBFWA organization, pursuant to Section 406 of the Charter.

The Upper Columbia United Tribes sent CBFWA a letter dated January 13, 2005, raising issues and concerns the Tribes had identified as needing to be addressed. To date, the Spokane Tribe has not seen any action taken by CBFWA or the Members in attempting to address these concerns.

We are aware that CBFWA has hired a new Executive Director, but at this time, under current direction and looking towards the future, the Spokane Tribe does not feel CBFWA is adequately addressing the needs of the Spokane Tribe.

Please consider this letter as our official notice of withdrawal from the organization. Our membership will terminate 90 days after CBFWA receives this letter. We request this letter be sent to all members according to Section 406 of the current Charter.

Sincerely,

Gregory Abrahamson, Chairman

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