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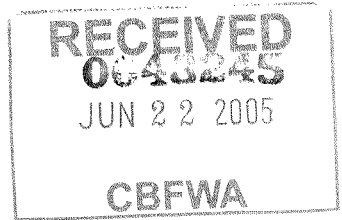
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Mr. Rod Sando, Executive Director
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
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Dear Rod:

As you know, the five member Tribes of UCUT have given 90-day notice of their resignation from CBFWA. In the interest of avoiding misunderstandings, this letter is to clarify the role of the UCUT organization.

The CBFWA Charter refers to the Upper Columbia United Tribes for purposes of Charter Sections 404(b) and (d) and 501(b)(2). UCUT, as an organization, is not a voting member of CBFWA.

UCUT serves a communication and facilitation role for the five members Tribes. The UCUT Central Office in Spokane is a point of contact for CBFWA and CBFWA Members. However, CBFWA communication should be made directly with and to each Member Tribe, as they are five independent sovereign governments.

Please be aware that attendance and participation by UCUT staff in CBFWA meetings should not be construed as attendance and participation by UCUT member Tribes. Nor should any CBFWA members or staff expect UCUT staff to vote in the CBFWA process.

Sincerely,

Warren Seyler, Chairman

cc.: UCUT Member Tribes