



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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SUBJECT: FY 2008-2009 BPA Budget Situation and List of Critical and Essential Unfunded Projects

Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

## Current Budget Situation for FY 2008-2009

### 1) Expense funds available for **SPENDING**

- The 2007-2009 BPA Rate Case identified \$143 million annually for the Expense category and \$36 million for the Capital category
- BPA identified \$3 million in FY07 in addition to the \$143 million to support FY07 Interim Operation Agreements with the tribes
- BPA has extended the Interim Operation Agreement projects for an additional 6 months into FY08 which may include additional funding
- BPA identified approximately \$9 million in carry-over from the previous rate period to be available during this rate period
- This brings the total available for **SPENDING** to \$149 million in FY07 and \$146 million in FY08 and FY09.

### 2) Original **PLANNING** budgets assumed by BPA and NPCC

- BPA historically spends 10% less than what is planned due to the complexity and quantity of contracts employed to implement the Program
- NPCC assumed an annual **PLANNING** budget of \$153 million in their recommendations
- BPA assumed an annual **PLANNING** budget of \$12 million more than the available **SPENDING** budget

### 3) Actual spending in FY07

- BPA is currently closing their books for FY07 and will report total spending by the end of October
- It appears that the total spending for FY07 will fall around \$141 million
- This would leave \$8 million that would need to be reallocated to FY08-09

### 4) Current budget situation for FY08-09

- Total **SPENDING** budgets for the next two years should total \$150 million annually (\$146M + \$4M)
- Total **PLANNING** budgets for the next two years should total \$165 million (add 10%)

- BPA's current planning budgets total \$157 million in FY08 and \$146 million in FY09
- This leaves \$8 million unallocated in FY08 and \$19 million unallocated in FY09

### **List of Critical and Essential Unfunded Projects**

To fully expend the available funds during this rate period, the MAG requested that CBFWA staff solicit Members for critical and essential projects that were submitted during the FY07-09 funding cycle that remain unfunded. Seven members responded to this call for information: MDFWP, IDFG, WDFW, ODFW, BPT, SPT, and CCT. The total list of projects totaled approximately 70 projects for a total of approximately \$14 million in FY08 and \$17 million in FY09, once placeholders for Coordination and CSS are taken into account. Many of the projects represent corrections to BPA's pre-mature in-lieu decisions. This list of projects does not include all of the priority data management requirements identified at the September MAG meeting but does include budgets for the Coordination membership projects.

The MAG will be asked to direct CBFWA staff on next steps for this exercise.