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Environment, Fish and Wildlife

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In reply refer to: KEW-4

Mr. Tony Grover, Director
Fish and Wildlife Division
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
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Dear Mr. Grover:

Enclosed and posted to our website at <http://www.efw.bpa.gov/IntegratedFWP/policyframework.aspx> is the updated Fish and Wildlife Program implementation planning budget (revised effective July 3, 2008). This budget reflects expected BPA contract actions based on current FY08, and projected FY09, start-of-year (SOY) planning budgets.

At this time of year Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) customarily reconfirms a SOY budget in advance of preparing contracts for the following fiscal year¹. The enclosed SOY budget reflects the changes from BPA's FY07-09 funding decision², that include within-year revisions, pre-schedules and reschedules, and any other necessary project-specific adjustments such as those made in coordination with the Budget Oversight Group. This planning budget has also been modified to incorporate our financial commitments in the Columbia Basin Fish Accords (Accords) and the Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion Proposed Action³. The implementation planning budget documents the bases for all of the changes from our FY07-09 decision, as briefly noted in the enclosed spreadsheet.

I hope that you find the revised start-of-year budget a useful step in planning as we work together to implement these projects over the coming year. In particular, BPA appreciates the commitment of Council staff to work with us and the Accords signatories to determine expeditious Independent Science Review Panel review as appropriate for new or expanded Accords work. If you have questions about the budget, please contact Chris Read at (503) 230-5321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William C. Maslen".

William C. Maslen
Director of Fish and Wildlife

¹ Not all projects have implementation periods that align with the fiscal year; contracting for 2009 will take place throughout the fiscal year as existing contracts expire and are renewed. Thus, contracts initiated in FY09 can span fiscal years and incur actual spending in FY10

² As revised and published, July 3, 2007

³ Project-specific budgets in the Accords are understood by the parties to be expressed in terms of planning budgets. BPA expects new spending on these projects (e.g., additional expenditures above the FY07-09 decision amounts) to be less than the amounts expressed as planned budgets, consistent with the Accords' ramp-up provisions