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Mr. Elmer Ward, Chairman Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority 851 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Suite 300 Portland, OR 97204-1339

Dear Mr. Ward:

Thank you for your letter regarding the draft environmental risk template developed by the Independent Scientific Advisory Board for use by sponsors of resident fish substitution projects. The edits of the template proposed by CBFWA have been passed along to the appropriate staff member in the Council's Fish and Wildlife Division, who will work with the ISAB and ISRP to determine if the template meets scientific review criteria. We will keep CBFWA and others apprised of the results of the science review.

Thank you again for the proposed edits.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Crow Executive Director