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Robert G. Walton, Chair
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Chairman Walton,

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes supports the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Draft FY 2011 Work Plan and Budget. However, in order to adequately support the Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation (USRT), the Tribes are requesting a modification to the funding allocation table presented on page eleven of the September 28, 2010 draft. The Upper Snake River Tribes (USRT) has decided they would like to reallocate some of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regional coordination funds to support USRT. For that reason, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes supports funding for CBFWA in the amount of \$83,264 and funding for the USRT Foundation of \$49,447 from BPA's regional coordination allocation. The Tribes also request that the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife foundation contract funds back to the Tribes in the amount of \$18,000 for time and travel reimbursement for participation in regional activities. It is the Tribes' understanding that this request will not impact the implementation for the FY11 CBFWA work plan, as written.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes continue to support the CBFWA organization and hope that other CBFWA member organizations will work together to maintain this valuable resource. We look forward to discussions for developing a long-term strategy for regional coordination that supports all the fish and wildlife managers of the Columbia River Basin.

Sincerely,

Nathan Small, Chairman
Fort Hall Business Council, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

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