



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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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

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of Nevada & Oregon

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

National Marine Fisheries Service

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

Upper Columbia United Tribes

November 13, 2012

Dr. Phil Anderson, Director
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capitol Way N.
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Director Anderson:

The Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) supports the Salmonid Coordinated Assessments Data Exchange application to the Environmental Protection Agency lead by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. For the past two years the CBFWA and the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership have jointly supported the Coordinated Assessments Workgroup to develop a common data exchange template (DET) for a set of priority salmonid indicators. This DET provides, for the first time, a common format for salmon and steelhead assessment data collected in the Columbia Basin. Our next task is to support our partners in sharing these data. This project will address an identified resource gap in our ability to move forward with the implementation of the Columbia Basin Collaborative Data Sharing Strategy, and we support it. Further, we see this project as a step forward in our broader goal of developing a data exchange network for fish and wildlife data throughout the Columbia River Basin.

Sincerely,

Doug Taki, Chair
Members Advisory Group
Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority

cc: Brodie Cox, WDFW
Coordinated Assessments Work Group
Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership
CBFWA Members and MAG