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**Subject:** Resolution to Dissolve Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

My understanding is that you decided at the CBFWA Member's meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> to dissolve CBFWA effective March 31, 2013. I further understand that you also committed to sustain CBFWF while the fish and wildlife managers consider how to best meet regional coordination needs into the future. This is a significant change following the existence of CBFWA for the past 35 years, and I appreciate how difficult it must be.

As I heard of potential changes earlier this year, I noted at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Members Advisory Group meeting (via phone) that there would need to be some transitional period for contracting if there were changes to the membership of CBFWA, scope of tasks, and/or budgets. BPA typically asks for project sponsors to submit project proposals 120 days in advance of contracting to provide for reasonable lead time for development of work statements/budgets and contracting. As you are aware, the anniversary date of the CBFWF contract is April 1. Time is too short to reallocate regional coordination funds away from CBFWF by then, and we have not had discussions with each sovereign of specific interest for contracts for regional coordination in the future. Therefore, BPA plans to extend CBFWF's existing contract for project year 2013 (April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014) under modified terms, with the equivalent of 25% of "members' 2012 share to CBFWA" being allocated to the CBFWF contract to facilitate the transition. In the meantime, BPA is available to work with the individual sovereigns to establish regional coordination contracts effective July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 based on the remaining coordination funds. Budgets associated with the transition would be as follows:

	FY2012 to CBFWA	April 1 (FY2013) to CBFWF	July 1 (FY2013) to TBD	Notes
Burns-Paiute	\$72,711	\$18,178	\$54,533	
Sho-Bannock	\$72,711	\$47,211	\$25,500	\$30k time and travel + \$17,211 to CBFWF
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Umatilla	\$82,926	\$20,732	\$62,195	
Warm Springs	\$82,926	\$20,732	\$62,195	May leave additional funds in CBFWF
Kootenai Tribe of ID	\$77,248	\$19,312	\$57,936	May leave additional funds in CBFWF
Yakama	\$82,926	\$20,732	\$62,195	
Montana	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$20k time and travel + \$30k to CBFWF
Total	\$594,159	\$215,073	\$379,086	

In summary, we are proceeding with a contract modification with CBFWF effective April 1. We are available to work with each of you to develop your regional coordination contracts effective July 1. Thanks for your support during this period of transition.

Bill