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Mr. Brian Lipscomb
Executive Director
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 260
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Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

The Colville Confederated Tribes hereby notifies the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) of its decision to withdraw our letter dated May 24, 2005 giving 90-day written notice to withdraw its membership under Section 406 of the CBFWA Charter.

The Tribes have been actively working with the CBFWA members, executive director, and staff to address our concerns raised in previous discussions. The Tribes are pleased with the progress made toward better communications, amending the charter to guide effective decision making, and the willingness of the executive director to meet and engage with our policy representatives.

The Tribes look forward to our continued involvement in the CBFWA organization to ensure future restoration and protection of the Columbia River Basin's Fish and Wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Joe Peone, Director
Fish and Wildlife Department

cc: CBFWA Members