



# COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Tom Karier, Ph.D., Chair  
Northwest Power and Conservation Council  
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Spokane, WA 99202

Dear Dr. Karier:

The Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) respectfully request that the Northwest Power and Conservation Council keep the record for the Fish and Wildlife Program amendment recommendations open until April 1, 2008. The additional sixty (60) days will allow the fish and wildlife managers' time to review the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) and Upper Snake River Basin Biological Opinions and to complete the internal policy review processes required by their respective directors and/or tribal councils.

The members of CBFWA appreciate the importance of keeping the process on a firm timeline; however, the time constraints associated with members' review and approval processes require this additional window of time to achieve a coordinated unified fish and wildlife amendment recommendation package. We hope that the Council will find benefit with our request for a sixty (60) day extension and act favorably.

Sincerely,

Daniel H. Diggs, Chair  
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

cc:

Idaho Council Member Bill Booth, NPCC  
Washington Council Member Larry Cassidy, NPCC  
Oregon Council Member Vice-Chair Joan Dukes, NPCC  
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CBFWA Members

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

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes