



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

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

April 4, 2008

Mr. Bill Booth, Chairman
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204-1348

Dear Chairman Booth:

Thank you for requesting recommendations to amend the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA), an association of seventeen (17) of the Columbia Basin's federal and state fish and wildlife agencies and Tribes, the undersigned agencies and Tribes have worked collaboratively to develop recommendations consistent with the guidance of the Northwest Power Act, based on and supported by the best available scientific knowledge.

We are in a unique position to bring forth our expertise regarding the Columbia Basin's fish and wildlife resources. We have taken this task seriously and hope the region finds our recommendations useful and clear as we are fulfilling our statutory role as prescribed in the Northwest Power Act: submitting measures and objectives to be included in the next iteration of the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, consistent with our obligations and existing fish and wildlife management plans. These recommendations provide the elements to complete the restructuring initiated with the 2000 Program, building on the geographic structure of the 2000 Program, and incorporating and updating of the 2003 Mainstem Amendments and the 2004-2005 Subbasin Plan Amendments.

This submission is the result of a 15-month effort to develop and articulate recommendations that incorporate both the architectural framework elements and processes essential for adaptive management. Our recommendations include an adaptive management framework incorporated throughout the geographical organization of the Program which, combined with specific measures, are necessary to effectively and efficiently protect, mitigate and enhance the fish and wildlife, including related spawning grounds and habitat of the Columbia River and its tributaries.

Also included with our recommendations is an appendix that includes supporting documentation as qualified by the statement on its cover page.

The agencies and Tribes have achieved consensus¹ on the recommendations that accompany this letter. These recommendations are not exhaustive. We may be submitting our own individual recommendations that provide greater detail in regard to priorities and measures that address our specific requirements. It is our intention that the collective and individual recommendations be read consistently. Our collective recommendations are not intended to override or conflict with the specific recommendations of an individual agency or Tribe. We expect the Council to consult with the agencies and Tribes to resolve any potential inconsistencies that may exist.

We look forward to working with the Council during the development of the 2008 Program and will continue to provide our expertise and support as this process develops.

¹ NOAA Fisheries abstained from Section 5.1 of these recommendations.

Chairman Bill Booth, NPCC
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Respectfully submitted:



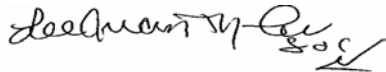
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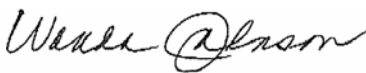
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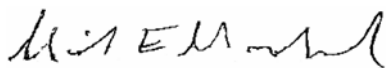
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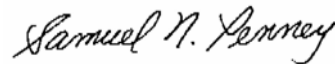
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