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Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director
Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority
851 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 260
Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

Enclosed is a signed version of the resolution that was presented to the Business Council during the March 11th meeting.

The approved resolution is as follows:

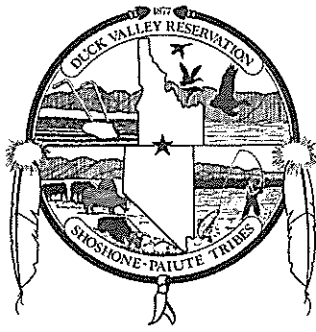
2008-SPR-055: Approval to provide amendments developed through the CBFWA and additional recommendations specific to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding this documents, please do not hesitate to contact Chairman Kyle Prior at 208-759-3100, ext. 231. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Angele Smith
Executive Secretary

Enclosure



**RESOLUTION of the GOVERNING BODY of the
SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES of the
DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION**
P.O. Box 219 Owyhee, NV 89832

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-SPR-055

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES,

- WHEREAS, This organization is an Indian Organization known as the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation defined under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the promotion of cultural, economic and social welfare of its tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, The Shoshone Paiute Tribes is an “appropriate Indian Tribe” as defined by the Northwest Power Act with statutory authority to manage a portion of the Columbia Basin’s Fish and Wildlife Resources; and
- WHEREAS, The Northwest Power and Conservation Council pursuant to the Northwest Power Act of 1980 has solicited recommendations for amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Program from the regions Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies and appropriate Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Northwest Power and Conservation Council shall include program measures which compliment the existing and future activities of the region’s Federal and State fish and wildlife Agencies and Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Northwest Power and Conservation Council shall include program measures which are consistent with the legal rights of the appropriate Indian tribes in the region; and
- WHEREAS, The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes have worked collaboratively through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, an association of the Columbia Basin’s Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes, to develop a comprehensive set of recommended amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Program; and
- WHEREAS, The Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes’ vision for the Program is to provide a sound scientific framework that defines operations of the hydropower system to minimize impacts on the Columbia Basin’s fish and wildlife resources and systematically mitigate for the remaining damages with supplementation, habitat improvements and other non-hydro actions; and
- WHEREAS, The Agencies and Tribes envision sustainable, naturally producing fish and wildlife populations to support tribal and non-tribal harvest and cultural and economic practices as articulated in the current Program; and
- WHEREAS, The Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes’ 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; and

- WHEREAS, The Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes' recommendations incorporate both the essential architectural framework elements and processes essential for adaptive management including an eight step adaptive management framework incorporated throughout the geographical organization of the Program which combined with specific measures developed by the Agencies and Tribes make up the essential elements to effectively and efficiently manage a large complex ecosystem such as the Columbia Basin; and
- WHEREAS, The Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes' amendment recommendations are based on the application of best available science standards and principles combined with the socio-political constraints inherent in the Agencies and Tribes' resource management plans and actions; and
- WHEREAS, The recommended adaptive management structure includes quantified biological objectives, expected outcomes from measures to address key limiting factors and critical uncertainties, all of which combine to establish a clear set of monitoring and evaluation recommendations to support adaptive adjustment of future actions; and
- WHEREAS, The Agencies and Tribes have developed this set of recommendations through extensive outreach with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), regional utility customer groups and fish and wildlife resource user groups. The recommendations are meant to address the valuable feedback obtained from these groups through these efforts; and
- WHEREAS, After centuries as the recognized and practiced experts of fish and wildlife management in the Columbia River Basin, the Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes have developed a set of amendment recommendations that represent a historic legacy of stewardship that has been applied to the implementation of the Northwest Power Act's Fish and Wildlife Program since its inception over 25 years ago; and
- WHEREAS, With the amendment recommendations submitted through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority and individually, the Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Tribes are fulfilling their statutory responsibility 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 the existing fish and wildlife management plans of the Agencies and Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes have also developed additional recommended amendments specific to The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Business Council of The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes hereby provide the amendments developed through the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority and additional recommendations specific to The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

It is hereby certified that the Shoshone-Paiute Business Council is composed of 6 Council Members whom 4 constituting a quorum and a Chairman were present at a meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2008, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(a), of the Constitution of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes approved April 20, 1936.


KYLE PRIOR, Tribal Chairman


ANGELE SMITH, Executive Secretary