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Mr. Elmer Ward, Chairman
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
851 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Suite 300
Portland, OR 97204-1339

Dear Mr. Ward:

Thank you for your letter regarding a methodology to calculate the amount of resident fish habitat that has been inundated by the construction of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). As you know, the Council's Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program calls for calculating resident fish losses attributable to the FCRPS but does not include a method for doing so. The Council appreciates the proposal by CBFWA's Resident Fish Advisory Committee.

The Council intends to develop a methodology in a public process that will include independent scientific review of what we assume will be various proposed methodologies. Again we appreciate the work of the Resident Fish Advisory Committee. Our Fish and Wildlife Division staff is working with the Council members to determine our next steps in this process. We will keep CBFWA apprised of our progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. Crow", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen L. Crow
Executive Director