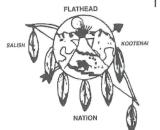
## THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES OF THE FLATHEAD NATION



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March 8, 2012

Dear Chairman Small,

Nathan Small, Chairman

Portland, OR 97204-1339

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Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

This letter is to inform you of the official withdrawal of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) from the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority. Our withdrawal will be effective April 1, 2012.

The CBFWA has served the CSKT well over the years. As a group, we can take much pride in advocating for effective management of the fish and wildlife resources of the Columbia Basin. However, recent changes in the regional implementation of fish and wildlife management have reduced the need to continually coordinate on a regional basis.

CSKT is committed to working with other fish and wildlife managers wherever we can make a difference. However, at this time we feel that we can be more efficient and effective by using our share of the regional coordination dollars with our own staff and contractors.

We are committed to working with CBFWA staff and remaining members on issues that the CSKT share common interests. Thank you for your support and we look forward to coordinating with our co-managers under our new structure.

Respectfully,

Joe Durglo, Chairman