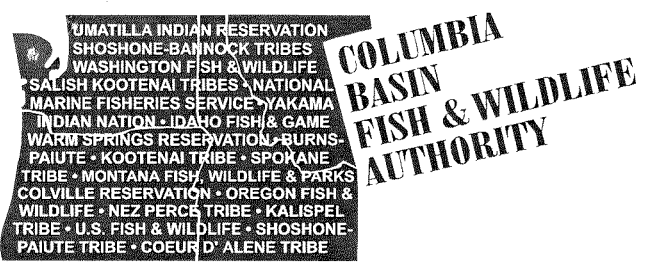


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Frank L. Cassidy, Chair
Northwest Power Planning Council
851 SW 6th Ave., Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204-1348

Dear Chairman Cassidy:

This letter is to request a funding placeholder for Project Number 25060, *Burbank Sloughs and Mainstem Columbia River Shoreline/Side Channel/Wetland Habitat Restoration Project*. The present Columbia Plateau Province recommendation for Project 25060 has no funding for the FY2003 and FY2004 outyears. The Members of the Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) requests that the Columbia Plateau Province recommended outyear funding level be amended to \$488,000 for FY2003, and \$125,000 for FY2004 subject to a satisfactory biological outcome of the feasibility study in FY2002.

The CBFWA review determined that a feasibility study should first be completed prior to funding the outyear implementation tasks identified in the proposal. Funding was removed for FY2003 and FY2004 pending the completion of that study. Due to the unknown budget process, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), would like a placeholder amount identified for the outyears to insure availability of funds when the feasibility study is complete. CBFWA reviewed their request and approve of identifying a funding placeholder.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rodney W. Sando, Chair
Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority

cc: Bob Lohn and Doug Marker, NWPPC
Bob Austin, BPA
CBFWA Members, Fish and Wildlife Managers

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