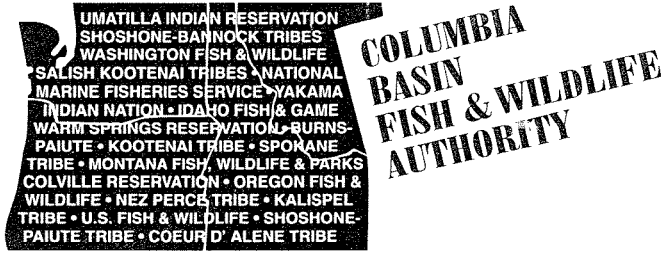


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Dear Ms. Smith:

As a result of the April Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop, the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) members have jointly proposed the Collaborative Systemwide Monitoring and Evaluation Program (Collaborative Proposal), Project #35033, for funding through the Mainstem Systemwide Provincial review process. We have just finished the response to the Independent Scientific Review Panel comments, which also included a response to review comments by the federal action agencies staff.

Upon completion of those comments, we are convinced that the federal action agencies concerns and comments can be readily addressed within the Collaborative Proposal. As stated in the Collaborative Proposal, we recognize that the federal action agencies are key participants in the process. We are therefore, formally extending our invitation to the Bonneville Power Administration and the other action agencies, to join as co-sponsors of the Collaborative Proposal.

I am looking forward to meeting with you soon to discuss the inclusion of the action agencies into the Collaborative Process proposed by CBFWA. A significant amount of thought, organization, coordination, and work has been invested in the Collaborative Proposal to this point. We believe that it is most beneficial and efficient to fully utilize that investment and incorporate the action agencies into the proposal as co-sponsors and full participants without delay.

Sincerely,

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Attachments (3)

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