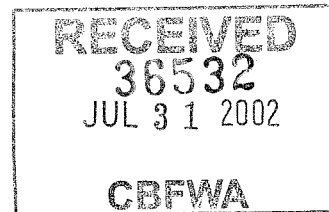


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In reply refer to: KEW-4

Mr. Frank L. Cassidy, Chairman
Northwest Power Planning Council
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1020
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Dear Chairman Cassidy: *Larry*

As promised earlier this week, we offer the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) the following comments on the Columbia Cascade Province for your consideration. We appreciate your patience and hope our comments will be helpful as you deliberate on fiscal year 2003 through fiscal year 2005 funding recommendations for this province. As before, the focus of our comments was on new proposals and on-going projects intended to benefit Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed anadromous fish and bull trout, although we do comment on wildlife and non-listed resident fish proposals as well. The criteria used for our evaluation, as well as the programmatic comments we provided on July 23rd for the Upper and Middle Snake, Lower Columbia and Columbia Estuary provinces, also apply to our review of the Columbia Cascade project proposals.

We hope that this information is helpful to the Council as they formulate funding recommendations to the Bonneville Power Administration. If you have further questions regarding our review of these proposals, please feel free to call me directly at (503) 230-4748, John Rowan (503) 230-4238, or Mark Shaw at (503) 230-5239.

Sincerely,

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Director for Fish and Wildlife

Enclosures:

- 1 - BPA Columbia Cascade Review

cc:

- Mr. Frank L. Cassidy, Northwest Power Planning Council
- Mr. Rod Sando – Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
- Mr. Brian Brown – National Marine Fisheries Service
- Mr. William Shake – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service