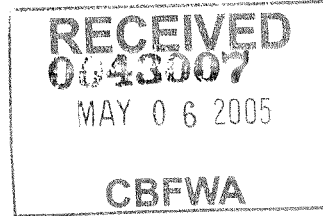


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RE: CBFWA Rate Case Cost Estimate

Dear Mr. Sando:

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho hereby issues its non-consent to the release of *Rate Case Cost Reports: An Analysis for Future Fish and Wildlife Budget Needs in Support of the BPA Rate Case for FY 2007-2009*.

The document raises a number of concerns for the Tribe. Most importantly, the Tribe believes there are fundamental differences among CBFWA members of what the rate case cost estimate should entail. We regret we have been unable to reconcile our concerns about the analysis and presentation of these estimates.

Therefore, the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho does not consent to its release as a CBFWA document.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mary Verner, Upper Columbia United Tribes (for distribution to UCUT Members)