

December X, 2006

Dr. Tom Karier
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
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Dear Dr. Karier:

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) members have reviewed the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (Council) draft *Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Report to Congress and Citizens of the Pacific Northwest*. At this time, CBFWA offers no comments on the report and requests that this letter not be attached to the final report sent to Congress. We do, however, desire to work with the Council over the next year to assist in the development of the fiscal year 2007 report to comprehensively summarize progress and accomplishments of the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program (Program).

The CBFWA and the fish and wildlife managers can be a valuable partner in providing information on the response of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats to actions undertaken as part of the Program. A primary example is CBFWA's Status of the Resource Project, which summarizes information on the abundance of focal species in each subbasin.

Please contact Brian Lipscomb at (503) 229-0191 to begin discussions on how CBFWA and the Council can work together to develop the fiscal year 2007 report. We look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Ron Trahan, Chair
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

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