



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Upper Columbia United Tribes

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

February 3, 2011

Billy A. Bell, Chairman
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 457
McDermitt, Nevada 89421

Dear Chairman Bell:

On behalf of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA), we appreciate the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe's (FMPST) interest in becoming a Member of the CBFWA. Your membership request will receive a legal review to evaluate eligibility requirements and then be reviewed by our Members Advisory Group (MAG) in early-February. I encourage your participation in this meeting as the MAG may have questions or a need for additional information. I will notify you as soon as the meeting date and location have been confirmed.

If the MAG agrees that your application is complete, your request will be reviewed and acted upon at our March 10, 2011 CBFWA Members Meeting in Boise, Idaho. A presentation by the FMPST during the March 10th meeting would be encouraged.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding your request and the review process or if you would like additional background information. I look forward to working with you as we proceed through the review and approval process.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Iverson or me at (503) 229-0191.

Sincerely,

Jann Eckman
Interim Executive Director
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

CC: Chairman Rob Walton, CBFWA
Vice Chairman Nathan Small, CBFWA
CBFWA Members