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Mr. Robert Walton, Chair
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
Pacific First Building
851 Southwest Sixth Avenue, Suite 300
Portland, Oregon 97204-1339

Dear Chairman  Walton:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) will abstain regarding action on the FY 2011 Work Plan and Budget for the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA). The Department intends to withdraw from membership in CBFWA effective April 1, 2011, so taking a position on work plan and budget for the next fiscal year is inappropriate. However, since the Department is currently a CBFWA member, our participation is necessary to establish a quorum.

Even though our membership in CBFWA will end next year, we remain committed to coordination with all of the fish and wildlife managers in the Columbia Basin (Basin) to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife in the Basin. As we have noted in recent CBFWA meetings, many coordination forums now exist in the Basin, and we have to prioritize our time and resources. Through participation in those other forums, we are confident that coordination will not diminish. In addition, we will remain active as non-voting participants in as many of the CBFWA working groups as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Anderson".

Philip Anderson
Director

cc: Jann Eckman, CBFWA Acting Executive Director