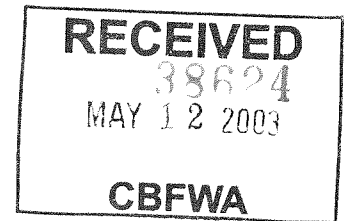




Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Indian Nation

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May 8, 2003

Mr. Rod Sando
Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority
2501 SW First Avenue, Suite 200
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Mr. Sando,

The Yakama Nation is in receipt of the DRAFT Version 3 letter addressed to Ms Judi Danielson, Chair of the Northwest Power Planning Council regarding Wildlife Crediting and Land Capitalization.

At this time the Yakama Nation wishes to express our concern and position against the support of the NWPPC's position in the formula suggested for Wildlife Mitigation on a 2:1 ratio. And even further suggesting that a 1:1 ratio would adequately address our needs to rebuild and re-establish valuable Wildlife Habitat and species.

The Yakama Nation strongly encourages CBFWA to take a position regarding Wildlife Mitigation that establishes a perpetual policy that enables tribes the ability to plan far into the future. It has taken many years for our valued resources to respond to various prescriptions and return to the ecosystem and, we anticipate many more years for them to fully recover and be maintained for generation yet unborn.

Thank you and if you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. E. Arlen Washines, Yakama Nation Wildlife Manager at (509) 865-6262.

Respectfully,

Virgil Lewis, Sr., Chairman
Fish, Wildlife, Law & Order Committee
Yakama Nation Tribal Council

CC: Judi Danielson, Chair, NWPPC
Carroll Palmer, YN DNR, Deputy Director
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