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Frank L. Cassidy, Chair
Northwest Power Planning Council
851 SW 6th Ave., Suite 1100
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Dear Chairman Cassidy:

This letter is to request additional funding for Project Number 23040, *Re-introduction of Lower Columbia River Chum Salmon into Duncan Creek*. This project was initiated in the High Priority solicitation and was given a B ranking by the ISRP and a HP A-BiOp ranking by CBFWA. It was not funded through the High Priority funding process. At the last quarterly review meeting, NMFS and BPA agreed to fund the project for \$420,795 through the ESA placeholder in the 2001 Fish and Wildlife Program budget. The ISRP and NMFS requested that WDFW refine the proposal to include better M&E and other activities. BPA also requested additional chum salvage work in case of low water years. The project sponsor developed a new proposal for a total of \$851,685. The AFC requested that the request be structured in the following manner and WDFW has provided the explanations for each of the attached budget components:

Original Request: \$420,795

This cost will only cover the creation of the spawning channels. Two of the capturing/monitoring weirs will be delayed and are included in the Monitoring and Evaluation budget. Due to increased costs of the construction of the channels, it will also not cover the artificial propagation (i.e. RSIs and rearing troughs plus thermal marking) portion at Duncan Creek. It is still assumed that funding for this portion of the work would come from the ESA placeholder.

Chum Salvage Operation: \$167,603

The second budget is the cost for the additional chum salvage operation. It includes one-time purchase of equipment. This would assume the most intensive chum salvage effort, although lesser efforts may be necessary.

Additional M&E: \$253,287

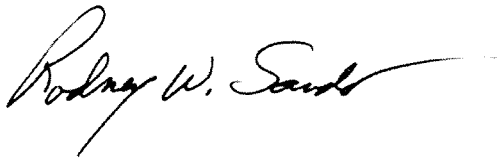
The third budget is for the Monitoring and Evaluation portion of the project requested by the ISRP and NMFS. It also includes the artificial propagation (RSI and troughs) for Duncan Creek. It also includes the construction of the two capturing/monitoring weirs and the artificial propagation at Duncan Creek.

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The CBFWA Members recommend approval of this request by the NWPPC. The Anadromous Fish Committee reviewed this request and the CBFWA Members support the request for an additional \$420,890 for Project Number 23040, *Re-introduction of Lower Columbia River Chum Salmon into Duncan Creek* if funding is available in the anadromous fish placeholder. The AFC prioritized funding the two additional components, if funds are limited, with the chum salvage operation first.

Thank you for your consideration of this action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney W. Sando". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodney W. Sando, Chair
Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority

Attachments

cc: Bob Lohn and Doug Marker, NWPPC
Bob Austin, BPA
CBFWA Members, Fish and Wildlife Managers