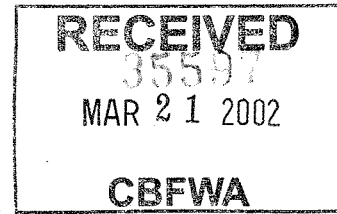




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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

March 18, 2002

In reply refer to: KEW-4

Mr. Doug Marker, Fish and Wildlife Director
Northwest Power Planning Council
851 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204-1348

Dear ^{Doug} Mr. Marker:

On August 14, 2001, we received a letter from Steve Crow on behalf of the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) with their second set of recommendations for Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) funding of projects within the "Action Plan" solicitation. We received the first tier of Council recommendations on June 29, 2001. Using information derived from our internal technical and policy review, the Independent Science Review Panel's technical review, the National Marine Fisheries Service review, and the recommendations of the Council, we have decided which of the final slate of "Action Plan" proposals to fund to help mitigate for the Power System Emergency Operations during winter and spring of 2001.

In this letter, we have identified the proposal number, title, sponsor, subbasin, affected ESU's and estimated budget for the additional proposals we are proceeding to implement under this solicitation. The following table covers this information.

Proposal Number	Title	Sponsor	Subbasin	ESU's Affected by Proposal	Budget Estimate
26016	Entiat Subbasin - Stream Gauging Installation and Operations	Chelan Conservation District	Entiat	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$198,000
26017	Okanogan Subbasin - Stream Gauging Installation and Operations	WA Department of Ecology	Okanogan	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$172,000
26029	Wenatchee Subbasin - Stream Gauging Installation and Operations	Chelan County Watershed Program	Wenatchee	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$198,000
26005	Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat program	Kittitas County Water Purveyors	Yakima	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$730,000

We have assigned these proposals to Bonneville Project Managers and plan to begin implementation immediately. Because all proposals submitted for funding under the Action Plan solicitation were to have planning, permitting and landowner agreements completed so that on-the-ground work could begin no later than December 31, 2001, we anticipate that these projects are ready for implementation and will proceed rapidly. As you are aware, funding available for implementation of Action Plan projects ceases at the end of fiscal year 2002 (September 30, 2002). We appreciate the Council's recommendations on the proposals submitted for funding under the Action Plan solicitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Austin".

Robert Austin
Deputy Director for Fish and Wildlife

cc:

Mr. Brian Brown, National Marine Fisheries Service
Mr. John Palensky, National Marine Fisheries Service
Ms. Jan Eckman, Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority