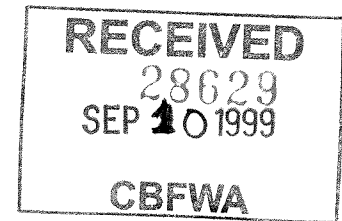


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In reply refer to: KEW-4

Mr. Todd Maddock, Chair
Northwest Power Planning Council
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Dear Chairman Maddock:

I recently sent you two letters that included estimates of Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Fish & Wildlife Program administrative costs, a list of "non discretionary" projects and requests for specific guidance from the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) to implement certain projects for Fiscal Year 2000. I understand the Council will make final recommendations to BPA for FY 2000 projects at their September 21-22 meeting in Spokane.

As in past years, for some projects with contract renewal dates occurring during the first quarter of FY 2000, BPA will need to take contract actions prior to a Council final recommendation for FY 2000. It is apparent from the Council's August 31, 1999, version of the Fiscal Year 2000 Work Plan that final recommendations for BPA funding for all projects may not be known by the September meeting. A second review is planned by the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) of additional material submitted by the proposers who have projects in the "do not fund," "delay funding," or "fund in part" categories. These groups of projects may not have a recommendation from the Council until November 2, or as late as November 17, 1999.

The enclosed Table lists all of the ongoing first quarter FY 2000 projects requiring a contract action by BPA that are described under the "do not fund," "delay funding," or "fund in part" categories. After review of these projects by my staff, I recommend enacting a 90-day, no-cost contract extension for those projects having sufficient project balances. For projects without a sufficient balance to extend work, a contract extension with new funds covering a 90-day period would be written. We also recommend a maintenance level of work to occur during this interim period until a final Council recommendation is received by BPA. I realize that each project has different needs but the goal during this interim period is to preserve the investment in the project until ISRP performs a further review and a final Council recommendation is made.

I am also concerned that the Council's recommendations for an initial FY 2000 work plan accommodate the budget available for the Fiscal Year. While the Council may request that full funding remain available for all projects pending further ISRP review, the recommended budgets for all projects remains between \$10 million and \$14 million more than is available for FY 2000.

We are meeting with your staff to discuss alternative approaches for a start-of-year budget. We need to resolve this issue to begin project renewals for Fiscal Year 2000. Although there may be placeholder categories reserved for certain types of projects pending further action in November, BPA will need a start of year budget at the September 21–22 Council meeting that is consistent with the \$100M expense and \$27M capital as outlined in the Fish Budget MOA, with the modifications identified in our August 13 comments.

I will keep the Council advised of any issues that may arise with these projects due to the extension of their contracts for the first quarter of FY 2000.

Sincerely,



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Acting Manager, Fish and Wildlife

Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Brian Allee – Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

FY 2000 First Quarter Bubble Projects

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT TITLE	OCT	NOV	DEC	ISRP DNF	ISRP DELAY FUND	ISRP FUND-IN-PART
8331900	NEW FISH TAG SYSTEM	X			X		
8335000	NEZ PERCE TRIBAL HATCHERY			X	X		
8335003	NEZ PERCE TRIBAL HATCHERY MONITORING AND EVALUATION			X	X		
8343500	BONIFER/MINTHORN RELEASE & COLLECTION FACILITIES			X		X	
8343600	UMATILLA PASSAGE O&M	X				X	
8503800	COLVILLE HATCHERY	X			X		
8740700	NPT DWORSHAK MODEL DEVELOPMENT (RAINBOW/BASS)			X		X	
8802200	UMATILLA RIVER BASIN TRAP AND HAUL PROGRAM					X	
8805301	NE OR HATCHERY MASTER PLAN - NPT			X	X		
8805302	NE OR HATCHERY MASTER PLAN - CTUIR			X	X		
8806400	EXPRMNTL STURGEON HTCH& KOOTENAI WH STURG INVST	X					X
8806500	KOOTENAI RIVER FISHERIES INVESTIGATIONS			X			X
8902700	POWER/REPAY O&M FOR USBR CPR PUMPING PROJ	X				X	
8903500	UMATILLA HATCHERY OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	X				X	
8910700	STATISTICAL SUPPORT FOR SALMONID SURVIVAL STUDIES			X	X		
8910800	COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON PASSAGE MODEL	X			X		
9000500	UMATILLA HATCHERY - MONITORING/EVAL PRJCTS		X				X
9000501	UMATILLA BASIN NATURAL PRODUCTION M&E	X					X
9001800	HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - LAKE ROOSEVELT	X			X		
9004400	STRM SURVEY,HTCHRY,HAB IMPROV, MNTR COEUR D	X					X
9005500	SUPL OF SUMMER STEELHEAD PRODUCTION IN IDAHO			X			X
9101901	HUNGRY HORSE MITIGATION/FLATHEAD LAKE - MONITORING	X					X
9303701	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE LIFE CYCLE MODEL		X		X		
9402600	PACIFIC LAMPREY POPULATION STATUS			X			X
9500100	KALISPEL TRIBE RESIDENT FISH PROJECT			X			X
9501100	CHIEF JOSEPH KOKANEE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT	X			X		
9600600	PATH - FACILITATION, TECH ASSISTANCE & PEER REVIEW			X	X		
9600800	PATH - PARTICIPATION BY STATE AND TRIBAL AGENCIES			X	X		

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9601700	TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR PATH - CHAPMAN CONSULTING, INC.			X	X		
9604300	JOHNSON CREEK ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION ENHANCEMENT			X		X	
9700100	IDAHO CHINOOK SALMON CAPTIVE REARING	X					X
9700900	EVAL STURGEON POP - SNAKE R (LOWER GRAN/HELLS CAN)			X			X
9702600	ECOLOGY OF MARINE PREDATORY FISHES: INFLUENCE ON SALMONID OCEAN SURVIVAL			X		X	
9703800	LISTED STOCK CHINOOK SALMON GAMETE PRESERVATION			X			X
9800100	ANALYTIC SUPPORT PATH/ESA BIOLOGY ASSESSMENT-HES		X		X		
9800703	GRANDE RONDE SUPPLEMENTATION - O&M/M&E (CTUIR)			X		X	
9801003	M&E - YEARLING SNAKE R FALL CHINOOK SALMON OUTPLANTED-LG			X			X
9802400	MONITOR WATERSHED CONDITIONS ON THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION.	X					X
9802800	TROUT CREEK WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MULTI YEAR FUNDING PROPOSAL			X	X		
9803400	ESTABLISH SAFE ACCESS TRIBUTARIES YAKIMA SUBBASIN	X					X
9900300	EVALUATE SPAWNING OF SALMON BELOW THE FOUR LOWERMOST COLUMBIA RIVER DAMS	X					X
9900301	SALMON SPAWNING BELOW LOWER COLUMBIA MS DAMS-ODFW	X					X
9900302	SALMON SPAWNING BELOW LOWER COLUMBIA MS DAMS - WDFW	X					X
9900303	SALMON SPAWNING BELOW LOWER COLUMBIA MS DAMS - USFWS	X					X