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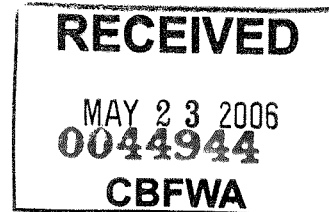
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Mr. William C. Maslen
Manager, Fish and Wildlife Division
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Dear Mr. Maslen, *Bill*

On May 9, 2006 the Council approved the final design and construction (Step 3) costs associated with the Northeast Oregon Hatchery (NEOH), Project 1988-053-01.

While it approved the final designs and recommended that Bonneville fund the construction of the facilities associated with this project, it conditioned the approval based on the following.

- That capital construction cost of the Northeast Oregon Hatchery facilities would not exceed \$16,462,309.
- That projects associated with NEOH annual costs including O&M and M&E will be addressed through the prioritization process in the Blue Mountain Provincial budget.
- That Bonneville confirm that NEOH is expected to receive an appropriate amount of credit in the hydrosystem Biological Opinion and is consistent with NOAA Fisheries recovery goals.
- That Bonneville provide confirmation of the development of a management agreement.

The Council appreciates the significant amount of effort made by the Nez Perce Tribe and the Bonneville Power Administration during the development of this project, and we look forward to working with you to ensure this project is successful. If you have further questions, please call Mark Fritsch of the Central office staff.

Sincerely,



Doug Marker
Director
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