



May 17, 2002

Mr. Frank L. Cassidy Jr., Chair
Northwest Power Planning Council
851 SW 6th Ave., Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204-1348

Dear Chairman Cassidy:

I am pleased to submit the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2005 province work plans for the Lower Columbia/Columbia Estuary, Middle Snake River, Upper Snake River, and Columbia Cascade provinces. These documents are the result of the collaborative efforts of the Northwest Power Planning Council staff, the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP), the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) and other stakeholders. These work plans include subbasin summaries which describe the physical and biological characteristics of each subbasin, past accomplishments, gaps in knowledge, management objectives/strategies and current needs, culminating in project and budget recommendations for FY 2003-2005.

The CBFWA process for providing these recommendations utilized the ISRP preliminary findings, project sponsor's responses to ISRP comments, and manager evaluations of the technical and management merits of the project proposals relative to anadromous fish, resident fish, and wildlife management needs, goals, and objectives identified in the subbasin summaries. The recommendations are the result of the project evaluations by the regional review teams, the CBFWA Wildlife, Resident Fish, and Anadromous Fish committees, the Members Management Group, and the consent of all 19 CBFWA policy member agencies/tribes.

This submittal completes this first round of rolling provincial reviews, with the exception of the Mainstem/Systemwide Province due October 9, 2002. These completed summaries represent the involvement of a broad range of local stakeholders and should serve the region well as the basis for the development of subbasin plans intended to provide context for project selection during the next round of the Rolling Provincial Review.

If you have questions, please call Jann Eckman or Tom Iverson at (503) 229-0191.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

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