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January 14, 2005

Mr. Rod Sando
Executive Director
Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority
851 SW 6th Ave., Ste. 260
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RE: CBFWA Rate Case Cost Estimate

Dear Mr. Sando:

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho hereby issues its non-consent to the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Rate Case cost estimate drafted by CBFWA staff in coordination with representatives of some Members of the Authority.

The draft estimate raises a number of concerns for the Tribe. Most importantly, the Tribe believes a document of this importance must be discussed thoroughly by the Members and full consensus reached prior to being shared with a broader range of interests outside the Membership. Except in limited circumstances, drafts of such documents should never be shared with outside interests until they have been made final and agreed to by the entire Membership through the consent process.

Until such time as the Tribe has removed its non-consent, the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority is prohibited from representing the draft estimate as a CBFWA draft document or proposal.

Sincerely yours,

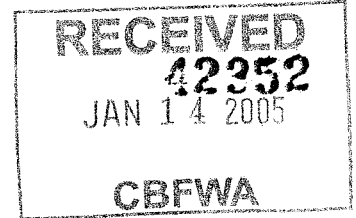
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