



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and government agencies:

- Burns Paiute Tribe
 - Coeur d'Alene Tribe
 - Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
 - Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
 - Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
 - Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
 - Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
 - Idaho Department of Fish and Game
 - Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
 - Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
 - National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Nez Perce Tribe
 - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
 - Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall
 - Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
 - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Coordinating Agencies**
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
 - Upper Columbia United Tribes
 - Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

May 14, 2009

TO: Bill Booth, Chair
Rhonda Whiting, Chair Fish and Wildlife Committee
Northwest Power and Conservation Council

FROM: Brian Lipscomb, Executive Director *Brian S. Lipscomb*
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

SUBJECT: Bonneville Power Administration Fiscal Year 2009 Coordination Funding Decisions

CBFWA-Annual Work Plan/Anadromous Fish Monitoring Coordination Follow-up

After reviewing the briefing memo I provided to you on May 4, 2009, Greg Delwiche, Vice President of Environment, Fish and Wildlife of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) felt that the memo mischaracterized BPA's position regarding the funding they would be willing to provide the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) and its Members. In light of the collaborative planning that has taken place over the past month in developing an approach for getting to regional agreement on a monitoring framework for anadromous fish that would adjust, confirm, or phase out current monitoring projects, and clarify or affirm new BiOp monitoring projects, Greg assured me that BPA intended to consider providing the additional funds needed by the Members for the development of such a framework, and would appreciate an opportunity to consider a supplemental funding request for such an effort.

On Thursday, May 7, 2009, Chairman Elmer Ward, Brad Houslet, Tom Iverson, and I met with Greg, Bill Maslen, and Jim Geiselman from BPA and Tony Grover from the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council (Council) staff to discuss additional funding for CBFWA and its Members to accommodate the development of the anadromous fish monitoring framework and associated projects. After reviewing the overall CBFWA-AWP in combination with the additional work planned for developing an anadromous fish monitoring framework and associated projects, we requested that BPA consider providing an additional \$336,601 for CBFWA staff plus an estimated \$165,000 for Member participation less the total carry forward expended since April 1, 2009 in the CBFWA-AWP project.

Considering the Council discussion of this issue on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in Walla Walla, and in light of the CBFWA-AWP Project's funding level, Greg has agreed to provide the funding to CBFWA and its Members for developing the

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anadromous fish monitoring framework. Additionally, and notwithstanding this new initiative, I would like to reconfirm and reinvigorate CBFWA's commitment to the PNAMP Mission, Strategy, and Annual Work plans, and commit to actively engaging with the CBFWA Members to communicate and positively contribute to PNAMP work products and recommendations.

Although the past three months have been difficult for the CBFWA Members and staff as we have evaluated various reduced funding scenarios, the resulting reconstruction of a coordinated approach between BPA, the Council and CBFWA to develop an anadromous fish monitoring framework and project funding recommendation is a very positive step forward. I appreciate the Council's willingness to collaboratively address these complex issues and look forward to our collective successes as we continue considering and implementing these vital activities.

Cc: Greg Delwiche, BPA
Council Members
CBFWA Members