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To: Christine Read

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Subject: RE: Change Request #482 has been BPA Denied by Christine Read for Project 1989-062-01 - Annual Work Plan for Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA)

Hi Chris,

I informed the CBFWA chair that our rescheduling request had been denied and gave him the explanation provided on the Taurus website (below). He was disappointed to hear the request was not approved and requested that I clarify the need for this funding. After re-reading the request language, I understand why you may have interpreted that the principle drivers for under-spending in our FY2010 contract was project savings and not unfinished tasks. Mark Fritsch asked that question during the BOG meeting and I thought I addressed it, but clearly I didn't address it adequately. I am hoping that this email can set the record straight.

The underpinning of the CBFWA request for a reschedule is consistent with the definition: tasks were not completed in FY2010, and savings were realized due to not completing those tasks. The tasks will be moved into our FY2011 contract period and our Members request that the associated funds be made available to support those tasks. Although there are other reasons for realizing savings in the FY2010 contract as listed in our reschedule request, the delay of meetings requiring our Members participation was a primary factor, particularly for resident fish activities.

**Resident Fish** – Based on the Council's project review process and MERR Plan, the resident fish managers, working with NPCC staff, have been developing draft monitoring and evaluation implementation strategies for white sturgeon, bull trout, rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, kokanee, and reservoir fisheries. The Draft White Sturgeon Implementation Strategy was completed for the RME Category Review. When the 2011 CBFWA budget was developed in September 2010, it was anticipated that the resident fish template framework would be completed in October 2010 and implementation strategies would have been completed prior to the start of the FY11 contract on April 1, 2011. Unfortunately, the template that was used for white sturgeon was not appropriate for other resident fish. Because of the number of entities involved as well as the number of species that were being considered, developing a final template framework for resident fish took longer than anticipated. A large part of this delay was due to the extensive collaboration with entities outside of CBFWA. Nancy Leonard, Council staff, worked with the resident fish managers during the development of these products and can verify that the delay in developing the resident fish implementation strategies can be attributed to the extensive coordination that was required to develop a commonly accepted template. A final template was not approved until February 2011 and efforts to develop the implementation strategies began in March 2011. Unspent funds resulted from not completing the implementation strategies as originally planned. The work (i.e., completion of implementation strategies) is ready to proceed and will be completed during FY 2011, in time for use by the Council and ISRP during the Council's Resident Fish/Blocked Area Category Review.

**Anadromous Fish** – While we have not had any Members request additional funds for anadromous fish efforts for FY11 yet, there was a significant delay in tasks for our anadromous fish managers this past

year. The Coordinated Assessments (CA) project (a collaboration between PNAMP, StreamNet, CBFWA, BPA, NOAA, and NPCC) has delayed implementation by nearly 6 months. A Phase I Coordinated Assessments Work Plan was approved in July 2010 and we anticipated completion of a Basin-wide Data Sharing Strategy by April 1, 2011 to inform the Data Management Category Review previously scheduled for Spring 2011. The CA Work Plan was updated in January 2011 (Phase II) and shifted much of the work for the co-managers from a Jan-Mar timeframe to a May-Aug timeframe, clearly shifting that work from the FY10 CBFWA contract period into the FY11 contract period. Again, the FY11 CBFWA budget did not anticipate this level of activity by the co-managers.

Finally, if this explanation is insufficient to merit reconsideration of our Members request, the Chair has asked me to invite you or another BPA representative to our Members Advisory Group (MAG) meeting on May 17, 2011 from 1:30 to 4 pm. The purpose of your participation in that meeting would be to clarify why this reschedule was not accepted (the explanation on the website is not clear) and discuss alternative solutions to the co-managers dilemma of funding this delayed work. We now recognize the initial request was not succinct and hope that through additional discussions we can address your concerns so that the unspent funds can be rescheduled, ensuring the agencies and tribes that rely on this funding can continue to coordinate with their regional co-managers on these important products.

Thanks for your considering this additional information,

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BPA response:

BPA management does not support the request to reschedule funds. The \$75,000 unspent funds for CBFWA regional coordination is savings and as savings should be returned to the program. As is often the case, staff turnover that results in the "lapse" which was described should be recoverable by the funding entity as savings during the FY. To this end and in exercise of fiscal prudence and reaction to Council recommendations to manage and account for activity supported by "regional coordination" BPA management does not support the request. BPA Denied.

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For more details, please view the Change Request Summary page at  
<http://www.cbfish.org/ChangeRequest.mvc/Display/482>

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