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Dear Mr. Walton:

On behalf of the Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority, I want to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend our summer Members meeting in Bozeman, Montana.

The Members appreciated your candid presentation on the challenges facing NOAA Fisheries and hearing your views on the work in which the Members could assist NOAA Fisheries. We agree that providing input to recovery goals and plans, identifying projects to implement recovery, and developing monitoring and evaluation questions, to name a few, could be worthwhile.

The CBFWA Members recognize the need for collaborative solutions to on-going recovery efforts and look forward to helping NOAA Fisheries implement an ecosystem approach to fish and wildlife recovery.

Sincerely,

Brian Lipscomb
Executive Director

cc: CBFWA Members
Bob Lohn, NOAA-F

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