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Brian Lipscomb
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Dear Brian;

I am writing to request additional funding for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife participation in CBFWA activities. At this point we have spent 100% of our starting allocation for this contract period, with a substantial part of the contract period remaining. When we were developing the initial allocations I noted that we would probably need in excess of \$30,000 to cover our costs, but settled on \$20,000 with the knowledge that I would have to come back for more. In recent months WDFW has had a fairly high profile in CBFWA activities. I chair the Wildlife Committee, have been very active in several of the sub-committees, and generally try to make all of the MMG/MAG meetings in person. WDFW has also been active in preparing fish status reports for NPCC presentations, and in generally attending council meetings. We have also been active with the anadromous and resident fish committees as well. This active level of participation has meant that our costs are up.

I request an additional allocation of at least \$20,000 to be able to maintain our level of participation over the remainder of the contract period. Even at this level I may need to limit some of our activities, so if some additional funds are available up to \$25,000 that would be better. I would appreciate it if this could be put on the agenda for the next MAG meeting. It is important to get this settled so that we can update any agreements and move forward.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-2693 or stonerws@dfw.wa.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Stone

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