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Brian Lipscomb
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 260
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Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Brian:

I am writing to request an additional \$10,000 budget allocation to support the participation of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in CBFWA activities. This request is consistent with my letter of last August and the discussions and decision to fund only a portion of our original request last November. As of January 1, 2006 we have fully utilized our present allocation and need additional funding to complete the contract year.

WDFW has been very active in CBFWA this year and this is reflected in our budget request. WDFW staff have been regular attendees at members and MAG meetings, chair the AFAC and WAC, and are regular participants in both the RFAC and FPAC. We also have participated in a number of ad hoc activities and routinely attend NPCC meetings. In addition we have been providing routine presentations to the NPCC on the status, predictions, management, and other elements of salmon and steelhead management in the Columbia River on behalf of the AFAC and the members. All of this has increased our costs.

If possible I would like this to be considered at the upcoming members meeting so that we can make plans to move forward. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-2693 or stonerws@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "RWS Stone".

Richard Stone

cc. Bill Tweit
Jane Banyard
Kathy Titzler