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Northwest Power Planning & Conservation Council  
851 SW Sixth Ave, Suite 1100  
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RE: Funding Request for the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG), I respectfully request that the NWPPC authorize Bonneville to provide \$1.3 million to fund the Columbia River Hatchery Reform Project in 2008.

As background, the HSRG in the Columbia Basin was established in 2006 to review hatchery and wild stocks in the Basin to determine ways to improve management practices in order to meet conservation goals while providing for sustainable fisheries. The 14-member independent science group has met on a monthly basis and recently completed its review of the Lower Columbia River hatchery and wild stocks in Washington and Oregon. The three-region ESU served in part as a pilot to test the hatchery reform process and identify potential improvements that will benefit both the HSRG analysis and its usefulness to the co-managers. The HSRG identified several improvements to the process that will ensure the process provides the greatest value and maximum benefits to the co-managers in the region. The scientists are currently reviewing programs above Bonneville Dam and are scheduled to complete their reviews in the entire Basin by October 2008 if sufficient funds are made available to complete the work.

Since the initial conception of the Hatchery Review project, interest in the use of the HSRG's "All H Analyzer" (AHA) and the "Managing for Success" (MFS) decision-making tools to integrate the "Four H's" (hatcheries, harvest, hydropower development and habitat) has increased. Several managers are currently using the HSRG tools in the region including the USFWS, the USCOE, and the states of Washington and Oregon. In addition NOAA Fisheries

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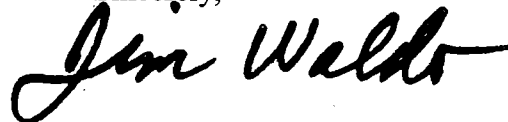
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supports the efforts of the HSRG. The results of this effort will provide value to many on-going processes in the Basin, including the NWPCC's provincial planning effort.

Attached is a budget breakdown reflecting what is necessary to complete the HSRG's work by October 2008. I have also attached the current schedule for reviewing the remaining programs upriver. We look forward to discussing this request with you on December 11<sup>th</sup> and answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Waldo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James C. Waldo

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