



COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

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Coordinating and promoting effective protection and restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat in the Columbia River Basin.

The Authority is comprised of the following tribes and fish and wildlife agencies:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

National Marine Fisheries Service

Nez Perce Tribe

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coordinating Agencies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Compact of the Upper Snake River Tribes

May 27, 2010

Bruce A. Measure, Chair
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204-1348

Dear Chairman Measure:

The Members of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) have taken note of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (Council) posted schedule for the FY 2010 RM&E/Artificial Production Review and look forward to participating in its successful outcome. We recognize the review of research, monitoring, evaluation and artificial production projects as a logical next step in implementing the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program. However, we request that a small subset of the projects currently being included in this review be afforded extra time for policy level consideration. Specifically we respectfully request that the Council extend the submittal due date for the Regional Coordination Project proposals to November 1, 2010.

The function of the Regional Coordination projects has been undergoing a transition over the past several years and that transition continues today. The Members of CBFWA are in discussion on how to best coordinate their efforts within the current context of the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program as well as the various biological opinions, recovery plans and individual agency and tribal plans. The additional time will allow the fish and wildlife agencies and tribes of CBFWA, and possibly other coordination groups, to develop a comprehensive proposal for your consideration..

We hope that the Council will find benefit with our request for an extension and act favorably.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Walton, Chair
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

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