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Mr. Robert G. Walton, Chair
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
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Dear Chairman Walton:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife submits its abstention regarding action on the FY 2011 Work Plan and Budget for the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA). As we explained at the CBFWA Members' meeting on September 28, 2010, because we intend to withdraw from membership in the organization effective April 1, 2011, taking a position on work plan and budget is inappropriate. However, as you know, because we are currently a CBFWA Member, our participation in the deliberative process is necessary to establish a quorum.

Although we will not be a CBFWA Member next year, I want to take this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to continue to work with all of our co-managers in the Columbia Basin on issues of mutual interest and to substantively contribute to our collective efforts to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife in the Basin.

Sincerely,

Roy Elicker
Director

cc: Jann Eckman, Acting Executive Director, CBFWA
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