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Virgil Moore/Director

February 29, 2012

Mr. Nathan Small
Chair, Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority
Pacific First Building
851 Southwest Sixth Avenue, Suite 300
Portland, Oregon 97204-1339

Dear Mr. Small:

In 2011 we notified the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) Members and Members Advisory Group of our intention to withdraw from the organization in 2012. This letter serves as formal notice that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) will withdraw from the CBFWA effective April 1, 2012. This notice is provided and is consistent with Section 406 of the CBFWA Charter.

The decision to withdraw does not diminish the Department's commitment to coordinating with the co-managers in the Columbia Basin on issues of common interest. We support and will continue working to assure comprehensive and effective planning and implementation of the fish and wildlife programs in the Columbia River Basin, and to facilitate discussion among fish and wildlife managers to find consensus and improve the quality of fish and wildlife decision-making.

We appreciate the hard work, dedication, and support that CBFWA staff has provided over the 25 years since the organization was formed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virgil Moore".

Virgil Moore
Director

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