

**Date:** January 8, 2008  
**To:** Brian Lipscomb, CBFWA Executive Director  
**From:** Angela Sondenaa, Chair, Wildlife Advisory Committee LM for AS  
**Subject:** Independent Economic Advisory Board (IEAB) Task Orders 116 and 117

The Wildlife Advisory Committee (WAC) has reviewed a draft letter from the Chairman of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regarding recommendations pertaining to the Independent Economic Advisory Board (IEAB) Task Orders 116 and 117. This letter (Chairman Karier January 4th draft) is on the agenda for the next NPCC meeting scheduled for January 15, 2008.

We recommend to the members that they request the NPCC delay comments to BPA regarding the IEAB Task Orders (#116 and 117). We believe the letter is inappropriate and premature in the absence of consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Managers on the findings of these Task Orders. Many of the recommendations in these reports may have profound implications to the management and operations of the wildlife mitigation program.

Both reports were extensive and reviewed numerous issues and factors regarding operations and maintenance and alternatives to acquisitions. However, the current letter from the NPCC addresses only a selective few of the IEAB comments and some are taken out of context of the overall reports. Prior to suggesting changes in implementation to the Fish and Wildlife Program, the IEAB's economic recommendations must be integrated with biological and logistic considerations.