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Subject: "FY07-09" WDFW's support of YTAHP project

Mark, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Project. Attached please find WDFW's (Region 3) support letter signed by our Regional Director Jeff Tayer. As stated in the letter we believe that YTAHP is key to steelhead and other salmonid recovery in the Yakima Basin. We understand Washington's representatives on the NPCC have recommended funding 1.4 million of the requested 3.2 million budget. We believe that full funding of this program is very important and request that the balance, 1.8 million, be funded with the capital budget or other funds that may become available to address ESA and/or salmonid concerns. If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you.

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