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Mr. Steve Martin, Director
Snake River Salmon Recovery Board
109 S. Second St.
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Dear Mr. Martin:

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council recently accepted project proposals following its solicitation for projects that mitigate for impacts caused by the construction and operation of the Federal hydropower system. These projects will allow us to implement subbasin plans for fiscal years 07-09. As expected, we have project proposals in excess of the available budget. We must now work to identify which projects provide the best mitigation and protection for fish and wildlife.

You have been identified as the contact person to coordinate local project review on behalf of the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board for the Asotin, Tucannon, Walla Walla, and Lower Snake Mainstem subbasins. We would appreciate your assistance in working with the board to develop a list of priority projects consistent with the Blue Mountain Province plan (for the Asotin subbasin) and the Columbia Plateau Province (for the Tucannon, Walla Walla, and Lower Snake Mainstem subbasins.) The Asotin subbasin is part of the Blue Mountain Province, which has a total allocated budget of \$7,127,528. The Tucannon, Walla Walla, and Lower Snake Mainstem subbasins are part of the Columbia Plateau Province, which has a province budget of \$21,748,203 (See attachment). The projects your group prioritizes will be a subset of these provincial budgets. This provincial budget will also be used to fund proposals being prioritized by local groups in subbasins in Oregon and is not all available for proposals for the subbasins you will be considering. We will need to have your list of recommendations submitted electronically to mdorsey@nwcouncil.org by close of business on June 16, 2006. Please provide a short description of the process and criteria you used to develop your priorities.

Our staff is working to package the proposals we would like you to review. We will provide these electronically, but can also provide CD's if you request this format. We will also provide a simple spreadsheet that may help you to configure your recommendations. The Council will post updates on its website at www.nwcouncil.org. Please contact our staff Tony Grover tgrover@nwcouncil.org at (360) 513-6801 or Stacy Horton shorton@nwcouncil.org at (509) 623-4376 with any questions.

We certainly appreciate your assistance with this task. Recommendations from your group, along with scientific reviews, and all other comments will help to inform Council recommendations for funding to BPA in October 2006, and will serve to help ensure we do the best work for fish and wildlife in the State of Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Karier". The signature is fluid and cursive.A small, handwritten flourish or squiggle in black ink, consisting of a single wavy line.

Tom Karier

Frank L. Cassidy, Jr.

Attachment

Table 1. Annual Program Planning Budget for FY 2007 - 2009

Budget Step	\$ Amount
Program Planning Budget	\$153,000,000
Bonneville Program Support	\$11,000,000
IRSP/ISAB	\$1,050,000
Placeholders	\$2,000,000 (planning estimate)
Province Allocation	\$92,894,502
Multi-Province Allocation	\$13,411,338
Total	\$106,305,840
Basinwide Allocation	\$32,644,160

Table 2. Province/other allocation

Province/Group	Subbasins within the Province	Percent of Allocation	\$ Allocation
Blue Mountain	Asotin, Grand Ronde, Imnaha, Snake Hells Canyon	6.7	\$7,127,528
Columbia Cascade	Entiat, Lake Chelan, Methow, Okanogan, Wenatchee, Columbia Upper Middle	2.8	\$3,001,663
Columbia Gorge	Big White Salmon, Fifteenmile, Hood, Klickitat, Little White Salmon, Wind, Columbia Gorge	5.0	\$5,312,554
Columbia Plateau	Crab, Deschutes, John Day, Palouse, Tucannon, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Columbia Lower Middle, Snake Lower, Yakima	20.5	\$21,748,203

Intermountain	Coeur d'Alene, Pend Oreille, San Poil, Spokane, Columbia Upper	14.3	\$15,248,105
Lower Columbia	Cowlitz, Kalama, Lewis, Sandy, Washougal, Willamette, Columbia Lower,	2.3	\$2,492,862
Estuary	Elochoman, Grays, Columbia Estuary	3.4	\$3,662,490
Middle Snake	Boise, Bruneau, Burnt, Malheur, Owyhee, Payette, Powder, Weiser, Snake Lower Middle, Snake Upper Middle	3.2	\$3,374,079
Mountain Columbia	Bitterroot, Blackfoot, Clark Fork, Flathead, Kootenai	11.8	\$12,590,537
Mountain Snake	Clearwater, Salmon	15.8	\$16,761,459
Upper Snake	Upper Snake, Upper Closed Basin, Headwaters of the Snake	1.5	\$1,575,022
		Percent of Allocation	\$ Allocation
Systemwide (on the ground)		6.3	\$6,709,515
Mainstem		6.4	\$6,701,823
Total:		100	\$106,305,840