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Mr. Bill Booth, Chairman
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
851 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1100
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Dear Chairman Booth:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. As customers who fund this Program, we want assurances that funds are being spent productively and efficiently. We believe the Council is a boy in the position to direct a prudent and productive Fish and Wildlife Program. We support the previously submitted amendment proposals from the power industry with emphasis on the following points.

1. Utilities believe the Council's Program should specifically address mitigation for the hydrosystem. To the extent the Council's Program leads to mitigation beyond the hydrosystem, it should ensure that those actions are reflected in the specific goal of mitigating for the hydrosystem.
2. The Program that guides the Council's decision making needs to give members flexibility to rapidly respond to new information and change implementation as necessary. We believe that by operating in this fashion, the Council and its Program would be the most effective to the region.
3. In order to create the greatest impact and provide maximum efficiency to fish and wildlife mitigation efforts, the Council's Program should seek opportunities to complement other actions in the region. Finding areas where symbiotic relationships can be forged to carry out mitigation actions will extend the value of Council funds and create stronger fish and wildlife responses to those actions.

We look forward to working with you throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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