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ENVIRONMENT, FISH & WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: KEC-4

**To: Parties Interested in the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program
SA-1 Butcher Acclimation Site**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is funding modifications to an existing acclimation pond that is being used for the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program. BPA is sending this letter to inform potentially interested parties of the pond modifications.

The Butcher acclimation pond was identified in the 2012 Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0425) for use to acclimate coho salmon smolts before their release into the Wenatchee basin. BPA is funding portions of the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation is implementing the program. Since the EIS was completed, it was determined that Butcher pond required removal of sediment to increase its functionality as acclimation habitat for the program.

BPA analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the pond modifications and prepared a supplement analysis (DOE/EIS-0425 SA-1) that determined that a supplemental EIS to the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program EIS is not required. The supplement analysis was approved on July 19, 2013 and a copy is enclosed. It is also available on our website at: www.bpa.gov/go/midcolumbiacoho.

The Yakama Nation intends to begin excavation work at Butcher pond in late summer or fall of 2013. If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please call me directly at 503-230-5373, or e-mail me at nhweintraub@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nancy H. Weintraub
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Enclosure:
Supplement Analysis