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In reply refer to: KEW-4

Mr. Ed Schriever, Fisheries Bureau Chief
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Re: Redirection of Idaho Accord Funds

Dear Mr. Schriever:

BPA Power Administration (BPA) received the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) request to reallocate funding within the Idaho Fish Accord executed on May 2, 2008. Specifically the request is to reallocate \$2,219,998 remaining in the Nutrient Enhancement Accord project 2008-607-00 to the Snake River Sockeye Captive Propagation project 2007-402-00. BPA acknowledges the change in priorities among the various Accord projects underlying this request. Habitat improvements associated with the Nutrient Enhancement project were uncertain, and were not expected to contribute to the BiOp habitat improvement targets; as such, the project was not an explicit tributary habitat priority for implementing the Biological Opinion. BPA supports of your request to place priority for use of these funds on the Snake River sockeye salmon smolt production expanded effort, a Biological Opinion priority under Reasonable and Prudent Alternative 42.

BPA confirmed with the Idaho Office of Species Conservation that they support the request to reallocate funding between the two Idaho Fish Accord projects. BPA therefore concurs with the request.

We encourage IDFG to continue to explore alternatives to reduce the overall projected cost of the new sockeye hatchery facility as well as phasing its construction over time to help manage spending. As you are aware, BPA's capital budget for the Fish and Wildlife Program is fully subscribed, and therefore, constrained. BPA will plan for the additional capital funds made available through the reallocation addressed in this letter in FY14. Under our current forecast of

capital spending, this is the soonest that we see the ability to support the reallocation of funds from within the Accord; we will continue to work closely with you on budget planning for the sockeye hatchery.

Sincerely,

William C. Maslen

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Director of Fish and Wildlife

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