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Dear Melinda:

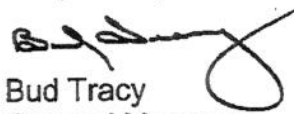
Recent efforts to remove Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) responsibility to fund the Fish Passage Center (FPC) should be adopted immediately. Since the FPC has departed from an independent analysis role and has evolved into an advocacy role, I find it absolutely imperative that the initial data analysis and the commensurate funding be transferred to another organization or institution in the Northwest.

The region's ratepayers have funded through their rates for over 20 years, a salmon recovery plan which deserves a scientifically credible and fiscally responsible program. If we are to have a comprehensible salmon recovery program in the Northwest, we must make sure that data is not biased in any way, such as being provided by a known advocate. This is necessary both to ensure that the most effective measurers are being put into place to benefit listed salmon and to ensure that the regional investment in salmon recovery is optimized.

I specifically support BPA's current process to transfer and fund the activities previously conducted by the FPC in a competitive and open process.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Bud Tracy
 General Manager

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