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Yakima Sub basin (Fish and Wildlife) Planning Board
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Dear Julie, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Northwest Power & Conservation Council,

I must file a minority opinion, even though the board has been a very congenial, open, willing-to-make changes, hard working group, with a lot of time and money being invested.

After many years as a writer-editor/planner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau Land Management, I was excited to serve on this board. However I cannot agree with the concepts of this plan. For purposes of brevity, I simply “bullet” my reasons for disagreeing with the entirety of the plan (even though technical content may be correct & even though I feel the people are well intentioned):

- My city council's concerns were voiced to me
- Other Public and officials concerns were voiced to me
- Articles express concerns
- Duplication of other agencies and studies
- No new information-only compilation of existing information
- Non-regulatory, yet infringing
- Basically meaningless
- Headwaters (Kittitas) not involved in consensus
- Bureaucratic, circular, gobbledygook, language
- Too much money and time spent, especially when more planned
- Problem with Lead entity; therefore group split
- Unknown pre-existing conditions
- Some of expert board baffled by mission/scope
- Consensus required, but not obtained
- My obligation to tax payers, regardless of NW Power Council money and mandates
- Salmon and wildlife preservation and habitat enhancement & water quality are good goals, but they seem to already be doing fine & improving and increasing, without more government.

Sincerely,

Bryan Robinson, Mayor