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In reply refer to: EC-4

To: People interested in the Melvin R. Sampson Hatchery, Yakima Basin Coho Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Melvin R. Sampson Hatchery, Yakima Basin Coho Project. This letter describes BPA's decision, how to obtain copies of documents, and how to contact us if you have questions.

Decision: BPA has decided to fund the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama Nation to construct and operate a coho hatchery in Kittitas County, Washington. BPA considered the environmental impacts of the action, as described in the Melvin R. Sampson Hatchery final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0522, November 2017). The hatchery will rear coho salmon for release in the Yakima and Naches basins. The ROD explains the factors that were considered in reaching the decision to fund the hatchery. In addition, BPA prepared a mitigation action plan that lists the measures that will be used to avoid or reduce environmental impacts. Hatchery construction activities are scheduled to start in spring 2018.

Copies Available: The ROD, mitigation action plan, and final EIS are available on BPA's website at www.bpa.gov/goto/MelvinSampsonHatchery. If you previously requested a copy of the documents, they are enclosed. If you would like to obtain paper copies of these documents, please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520; leave a request naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address.

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-4764, or by e-mail at jgoodman@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dave Goodman

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Enclosure (*if requested*):
Record of Decision
Mitigation Action Plan