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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: ECF-4

To: People interested in the Upper Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead Acclimation Program

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the *Upper Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead Acclimation Program*. The draft EA describes the program and why it is proposed, discusses the environmental impacts, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines next steps.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at www.bpa.gov/goto/ChinookSteelheadAcclimation. If you would like a hard copy (about 175 pages), please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

Please send your comments by **December 5, 2016** and reference the *Upper Columbia Spring Chinook and Steelhead Acclimation Program*. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, all comments received will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	Toll-free: 800-622-4519 FAX: 503-230-4019 Online: www.bpa.gov/comment
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Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Comment scoping period	April 4, 2015 to May 4, 2015
Public scoping meetings	April 22nd and 23rd, 2015 in Leavenworth and Winthrop, WA respectively
Draft EA available for public comment	November 2, 2016 to December 5, 2016
Final EA	Spring 2017
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Spring 2017
If decision to build, construction start	Summer 2017

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-3018 or jepeterson@bpa.gov; or contact Rob Shull, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, FirstTekDOS, at rwshull@bpa.gov or 503-230-3962. You can also reach us toll free at 800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jenna Peterson

Jenna Peterson
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Enclosures (if requested):

Draft EA

Comment Form

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