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### **To: People Interested in the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program - Natapoc Hatchery**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is evaluating an adjustment to the location of the proposed Natapoc Hatchery, a facility associated with the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program. The facility is located alongside the Wenatchee River in Chelan County, Washington, as shown on the attached project map. This letter briefly explains the location adjustment and invites you to comment.

**Background:** In 2012, BPA prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the effects of the construction and operation of the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program. This program is implemented by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and funded, in part, by BPA. The goal of this program is to restore a naturally-produced, self-sustaining population of coho to the Wenatchee and Methow basins. The Natapoc Hatchery (known in the EIS as “George Hatchery”) will include the construction of a hatchery-production building, surface-water intakes, discharge pipelines, a treatment lagoon, land-application wastewater treatment area, rearing tanks, holding tanks, and other hatchery buildings.

**Change to Hatchery Location:** During final hatchery design, the Yakama Nation determined that the hatchery would be better sited southwest of the originally identified location on the same parcel to avoid impacts to wetland and wetland buffers. Additionally, the hatchery design now includes a higher level of effluent treatment than was originally proposed in order to comply with Washington State Department of Ecology water quality standards.

BPA intends to prepare a supplement analysis to evaluate the environmental impacts that may occur as a result of these changes. We welcome your comments while we prepare the analysis.

**How to comment:** Please send your comments on the proposal and its potential impacts by **November 19, 2014** so they may be considered while we draft the supplement analysis. When commenting, refer to the full project name. Comments will be posted in their entirety on the project website at [www.bpa.gov/goto/MidColumbiaCoho](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/MidColumbiaCoho). Choose the way you would like to comment:

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Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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