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Mr. Carl J. Keller, Environmental Project Manager
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RE: KEC-4/Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project

Dear Mr. Keller:

Thank you for the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for fish passage improvement and monitoring at Lyle Falls. The existing fishway at Lyle Falls is a Mitchell Act facility that is currently owned and operated by the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our agency is in the final stages of finalizing an agreement with the Yakama Indian Nation to take over the operations and maintenance of the fishway in 2006.

The following comments are here to assist the EIS and design process:

#1 Please consider: The current fishway lies within the flood plain of the Klickitat River and has been overtopped by high flows through winter and spring run off periods. During the flood of February 1996, the entire fishway was under approximately 20 feet of water. The flood flow line from that event is still evident on the left bank side of the river across from the fishway. I recommend that any proposed design take the frequency of high flow events into consideration.

#2 I need more information about: The proposed design including all engineering and hydraulic elements relative to the fishway.

#3 Please retain my name on the project mailing list and include the following people for project and design review:

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Please feel free to contact me at (360) 902-2558 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Pat Klavas, Habitat Program-Olympia
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