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Dear Governors Kempthorne, Kitzhaber, Locke & Martz:

Following up on my July 10, 2001 letter to you, this is in further response to your May 4, 2001 letter to the President emphasizing the importance of State-Federal cooperation in meeting the challenge of salmon recovery in the Pacific Northwest, raising the importance of funding and asking for an Administration contact. In my capacity as that contact point for the Administration, I am pleased to advise you of the senior policy team we have formed to help coordinate federal efforts to conserve the salmon and other endangered and threatened fish and wildlife resources of the Columbia Basin.

I will chair the team, which consists of the following officials:

Marcus Peacock, Office of Management and Budget Associate Director for  
Natural Resources, Energy and Science  
Ann Klee, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior  
Sloan Rappoport, Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Commerce  
Richard Aiken, Counselor to the Secretary of Energy  
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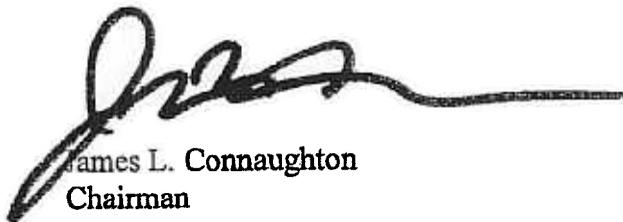
This senior policy team will provide direction and oversee the regional Federal Caucus, whose member agencies implement and coordinate Federal activities pursuant to the Columbia River Basin-wide Salmon Recovery Strategy, also known as the "All-H" paper. This policy team will establish overall policies governing the funding and implementation of the Basin-wide Strategy and will address and resolve issues referred to

it by the Federal Caucus' regional executives that affect implementation and coordination of Federal activities within the scope of the Basin-wide Strategy.

This senior policy team is organized to ensure that Federal agencies work together in a coordinated manner that maximizes the use of Federal expertise and resources, eliminates unnecessary duplication and inefficiencies, and balance costs and benefits. In addition, this team will ensure that the Federal Caucus' regional executives facilitate better coordination with non-Federal stakeholders in the development and implementation of the conservation and restoration plans. Our goals are to empower local stewardship efforts with the information that they need, to coordinate with State and Tribal actions based on federalism principles, to make decisions that are based on sound science, and to foster innovation and compliance with federal environmental laws.

Finally, as I stated in my letter of July 10, 2001, the Administration's budget provides the funding required for Federal and State efforts to support implementation of the 2000 Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Biological Opinions and the Basin-wide Strategy. Attached is a summary table comparing the Administration's budget with the funding levels appropriated by Congress for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001. The attached table provides estimates of the funding in the President's FY 2002 budget for each agency that is implementing the biological opinions and the recovery strategy and of the enacted funding levels for FY 2001. Total FY 2002 funding (discretionary and mandatory) for carrying out the strategy is \$431.5 million, a \$79 million increase over FY 2001. We would appreciate your support for the President's FY 2002 budget in your communications with Congress regarding FY 2002 appropriations decision.

Sincerely,



James L. Connaughton  
Chairman

**Columbia River Federal Basinwide Salmon Funding**  
(millions of dollars)

<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>FY 2001 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2002 President's Budget</b>
<i>Discretionary Funding:</i>		
<b>Department of the Army</b>		
Army Corps of Engineers	102.7	106.7
<b>Department of the Interior</b>		
Bureau of Land Management	1.5	1.5
Bureau of Reclamation	5.6	11.0
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	2.5	6.0
Bureau of Indian Affairs	0.0	0.4
United States Geological Survey	0.4	0.4
<b>Department of the Interior Total</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>19.3</b>
<b>Department of Commerce</b>		
National Marine Fisheries Service	25.5	24.0
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>		
United States Forest Service	15.4	13.0
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.6</b>
<b>Total Discretionary Appropriations</b>	<b>168.1</b>	<b>178.2</b>
<i>Mandatory Funding:</i>		
<b>Department of Energy</b>		
Bonneville Power Administration Direct Fish Costs	184.0	253.3
<b>Total Funding (Discretionary and Mandatory)</b>	<b>352.1</b>	<b>431.5</b>