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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: KEC-4

To: People Interested in the Kootenai River White Sturgeon and Burbot Hatcheries Project
(Formerly known as Kootenai Tribe of Idaho Native Fish Aquaculture Program)

Proposal: The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to fund the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho to upgrade their existing Kootenai white sturgeon aquaculture facility and construct a new facility to expand their white sturgeon and burbot artificial production programs. The new facility would be located on property owned by the Tribe at the confluence of the Moyie and Kootenai Rivers near Bonners Ferry in Boundary County, Idaho. Current production of Kootenai River white sturgeon at the existing Tribal Hatchery is restricted by capacity limitations and adequate facilities for artificial burbot production do not exist.

Comment Opportunity: BPA has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of this proposed action and we would like to hear your views. The Preliminary EA has been prepared following regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act and is now available on the BPA website (www.bpa.gov/go/kootenaiaquaculture) for your review. If you would like a copy of the Preliminary EA please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address.

Please send any comments you may have by **March 18, 2013** so that they may be considered in our decision on this project. When commenting, please refer to Kootenai River White Sturgeon and Burbot Hatcheries Project.

Choose the way you would like to comment:

Mail comments to Bonneville Power Administration
Public Affairs – DKC-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

FAX comments to 503-230-3285

Submit comments **On-Line** at www.bpa.gov/comment

E-Mail comments to comment@bpa.gov

For More Information: If you have any further questions or need more project information, please call me toll free at 1-800-622-4519, or directly at (503) 230-5756. You may also e-mail me at esgresh@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in our work.

/s/ Ted Gresh

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