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In reply refer to: EC-4

To: Parties interested in the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program - Natapoc Hatchery design revisions

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has completed its environmental review of the Natapoc Hatchery design revisions. This letter briefly describes the action, the environmental review process, and who to contact if you have questions.

The Natapoc Hatchery was identified in BPA's 2012 Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0425) for coho production adjacent to the Wenatchee River in Chelan County, Washington. BPA is funding portions of the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation is implementing the program. Since the EIS was completed, the Yakama Nation proposed design revisions to the Natapoc Hatchery to avoid wetland impacts, add water-conservation features, and improve effluent treatment and disposal.

BPA analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the hatchery design revisions and prepared a supplement analysis (DOE/EIS-0425 SA-4) that concluded that the hatchery and its potential effects on the environment are consistent with those that had been analyzed under the 2012 EIS, and that a supplemental or new EIS did not need to be prepared. As part of the supplement analysis, BPA sent letters in November 2014 to explain the proposal and to request public input from potentially affected landowners; federal, state, and local agencies; tribes; and interest groups. Two comments were received and considered in the analysis. The supplement analysis was approved on May 26, 2017 and is available on our website at www.bpa.gov/goto/midcolumbiacoho.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental review, please contact me at 360-619-6557 or cjhamel@bpa.gov. Alternatively, you may contact Rob Shull, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, FirstTekDOS, at rwshull@bpa.gov or 503-230-3962.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (if requested):
Supplement Analysis