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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROGRAM

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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2022-01101-F

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO: cristina.azcoitia@pillsburylaw.com

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Dear Ms. Azcoitia,

This communication concerns your Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (“FOIA”) request submitted to the Bonneville Power Administration (“BPA”), and is a final response to your request. BPA received your request on July 28, 2022. Following a number of subsequent communications with the agency, BPA formally acknowledged your FOIA request on October 27, 2022.

Request

You seek, “... the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Lake Roosevelt Fisheries Evaluation Program: Annual Fisheries Report[s], commonly referred to as the creel angler survey, including draft and final iterations. [And...] the study plan or methodology documents, underlying survey, survey responses, survey data, QA/QC and any other documents relied upon to create the reports.”

Response

The agency’s Washington Implementation office and personnel searched for and gathered files in response to your FOIA request. The information you seek is publicly available at BPA’s Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Program website, at the following specific internet locations:

- <https://www.cbfish.org/Project.mvc/Display/1994-043-00>
- <https://www.cbfish.org/Contract.mvc/Summary/85863~53492>
- <https://www.cbfish.org/Contract.mvc/Summary/88385~54164>
- <https://www.cbfish.org/Document.mvc/Viewer/P185305>
- <https://www.cbfish.org/Document.mvc/Viewer/P190990>

The agency provided the above links via emails sent to you on July 26, 2022, and on September 6, 2022, and via letter dated October 27, 2022. In those email and letter communications, the agency also indicated that if the Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Program website had not met

your information needs, then BPA would proceed with collecting the drafts and additional information from BPA's Washington Implementation office. The agency heard from you on November 16, 2022, and you indicated that the above information and links satisfied your FOIA request. You also indicated that you had no continued interest in the draft reports and additional information. Consequently, the agency now considers your FOIA request closed.

Certification

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.7(b)(2), I am the individual responsible for the records search and the information release and the closure action described above.

Appeal

The sufficiency of the search for responsive records described above, and the content of the response described herein, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals
HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-1615

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (The Office of Hearings and Appeals prefers to receive appeals by email.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: 202-741-5770
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: 202-741-5769

Questions about this communication, or the status of your FOIA request, may be directed to James King, FOIA Public Liaison, at jjking@bpa.gov and at 503-230-7621.

Sincerely,

Candice D. Palen
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer