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### **To: People interested in the Kerry Island Estuary Restoration Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has completed the environmental review for the Kerry Island Estuary Restoration Project and has decided to fund the proposal. This letter briefly describes the project, the environmental review, and who to contact if you have questions.

Under the proposal, BPA will fund Columbia Land Trust (CLT) to conduct restoration actions—including levee removal, ditch filling, tidal channel creation, invasive species control, and native plantings—on Kerry Island, an island in Westport Slough in Columbia County, Oregon.

To ensure consideration of potential environmental impacts of the project, BPA prepared a supplement analysis to the Columbia Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Project Environmental Assessment (Programmatic Estuary EA). The Programmatic Estuary EA analyzed the environmental impacts anticipated for restoration projects within the Columbia River Estuary, with the intent of facilitating and streamlining future site-specific project reviews.

The supplement analysis for the Kerry Island project helped determine whether there were substantial changes in the proposed action or significant changes or information relevant to environmental concerns from that analyzed in the Programmatic Estuary EA.

As part of the supplement analysis, BPA sent letters in March 2016 to potentially affected landowners, federal, state, and local agencies, tribes, and interest groups that explained the project and requested comments. Three comments were received. Using the public input and consideration of potential environmental impacts, BPA completed the supplement analysis, confirming that the restoration actions of the Kerry Island project are consistent with the Programmatic Estuary EA and that no further NEPA documentation is required. The supplement analysis is available on our website at [www.bpa.gov/goto/KerryIslandEstuary](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/KerryIslandEstuary).

If you have any questions about the environmental review, please contact me at [jdgoodman@bpa.gov](mailto:jdgoodman@bpa.gov) or 503-230-4764. If you have any questions about the engineering, design, or construction plans for the project, please contact Jeff Malone, CLT Natural Area Manager, at [jmalone@columbialandtrust.org](mailto:jmalone@columbialandtrust.org) or 360-567-1570.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dave Goodman*

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