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In reply refer to: Hannah Dondy-Kaplan - KEC-4

### **To: Parties Interested in the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation's Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program**

You are invited to review and comment on the draft environmental impact statement for the Yakama Nation's Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program located in Klickitat and Yakima Counties, Washington. The Yakama Nation would sponsor the program; the Bonneville Power Administration would provide funding, if approved. The draft EIS describes the proposed fish production program and hatchery facilities, and analyzes the potential environmental effects from program operations and facility construction. Your comments on the draft EIS will help us refine the environmental analysis and decide whether to provide funding for the program.

#### **Program Description**

The proposed projects would involve changes to the salmon and steelhead hatchery programs in the Klickitat subbasin to increase the abundance of spring chinook and steelhead natural spawning, decrease impacts of the non-native fall chinook and coho programs, and increase harvest opportunities for Yakama Nation tribal members and others. These changes to the program would result in modification of the Klickitat Hatchery located seven miles east of Glenwood, Washington at river mile 42.5 of the Klickitat River. The proposed changes may also involve construction of a new Wahkiacus Hatchery and Acclimation Facility located at river mile 17 on the Klickitat River in Wahkiacus, Washington and a steelhead acclimation facility at McCreedy Creek at river mile 70.

#### **Public Meetings**

You are invited to attend an open house public meeting on this project:

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011**  
**5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**  
**Lyle Lions Club Community Center**  
**5th Street and State Highway**  
**Lyle WA 98635**

#### **Meeting Agenda:**

5:30-6:00 Open house  
6:00-7:00 Presentation and Q&A  
7:00-8:30 Return to open house

Project team members will be available to take your comments on the draft EIS and answer any questions you may have.

**How to comment**

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted through **September 6, 2011**. Comments may be submitted online at: [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment), via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office – DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428; or by fax to (503) 230-4019. You also may call us with your comment toll free at 1 (800) 622-4519. Please reference “Klickitat Hatchery Complex Program EIS” with your comments. All comments will be posted in their entirety on BPA’s website at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment). Comments and responses to them will be made part of the final EIS.

**Copies available**

If you have received this letter, we are providing the entire draft EIS, including appendices, on CD. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the draft EIS please call BPA’s toll-free document request line at 1 (800) 622-4519. Please leave a message naming this project, giving your complete address. The draft EIS and its appendices may also be viewed at the project’s website: [http://efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/Document\\_Library/Klickitat\\_Hatchery\\_Program/](http://efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Klickitat_Hatchery_Program/).

**Next Steps**

BPA expects to complete and publish the Final EIS in early 2012, and then issue a Record of Decision that will explain BPA’s decision about whether to proceed with the project.

**For More Information**

If you need more information or have questions, please call me directly at (503) 230-4071 or toll free at 1 (800) 282-3713 or e-mail me at [hadondy-kaplan@bpa.gov](mailto:hadondy-kaplan@bpa.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Hannah Dondy-Kaplan*

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Enclosure:  
Draft EIS (CD)