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To: People Interested in the Tucannon River Spring Chinook Captive Broodstock Program

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a final Environmental Assessment (EA) which includes a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Tucannon River Spring Chinook Captive Broodstock Program. This document is enclosed.

About the Project: Development of dams and reservoirs in the Columbia River Basin has harmed many species of fish, including trout, salmon, and steelhead. The Tucannon program is a small-scale production initiative designed to increase numbers of a weak but potentially recoverable population of spring chinook salmon in the Tucannon River in the State of Washington. This project involves (1) expanding the Lyons Ferry Hatchery, an addition of eight 20-foot circular rearing tanks, (2) collecting juvenile fish from the existing hatchery spring chinook population, rearing these fish in the hatchery to maturity and spawning them, (3) hatching and rearing their progeny, and (4) acclimating and releasing smolts back into the Tucannon River to preserve and recover the population for the future.

Additional Copies: If you would like additional copies of the enclosed EA/FONSI, please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project and giving your complete mailing address. The EA/FONSI can also be viewed on our website at *www.efw.bpa.gov*

For More Information: If you need more information about the project, please call Greg Baesler, the Project Manager, toll-free at 1-800-282-3713, or e-mail him at *gdbaesler@bpa.gov* If you have questions about environmental issues, call me at the same number,or e-mail me at *nhweintraub@bpa.gov* You may also write us at the address above.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

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