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August 29, 2006

**TO:** SRFB Members and Designees

**FROM:** Neil Aaland, Assistant Director 

**SUBJECT:** Funding Support for Scopes of Work by Pend Oreille Lead Entity and Coastal Lead Entities

Background

At the June 8-9 meeting in Walla Walla, the Board discussed the efforts by the Pend Oreille Lead Entity and the coastal Lead Entities to investigate how to work more within each area on a regional basis. These efforts grew out of their responses to the homework assignment given in April 2006. The Pend Oreille LE was asked to explore whether the Lead Entity could be expanded to include the other WRIA's in that salmon recovery region. The three coastal LEs were asked to explore how they could better coordinate their efforts, in the absence of a regional organization.

Both of these regional areas have done some initial work on their respective assignments. As requested by the Board in June, they have prepared scopes of work, and are requesting funding to implement their proposals for developing a regional approach.

Summary of Staff Recommendation

Staff is recommending that the SRFB approve modified versions of these two requests. The total funding authorized for both requests would be \$77,970.

Summary of proposals

**Coastal Lead Entities** (Grays Harbor, Pacific, Quinault, and WRIA 20/NOPLE) have held several meetings and have concluded there is enough interest in some type of regional approach to do detailed work. They are proposing to hire a facilitator to convene a series of meetings and workshops among the affected stakeholders. The deliverable will be a report that includes a preferred option for regional functions and structure.

Assumptions and Cost Details

- Request for SRFB is \$86,420



- A facilitator would be hired to convene 1-2 meetings per month of Lead Entity coordinators and regional stakeholders
- A minimum of five workshops would be held to reach beyond the Lead Entity and regional stakeholders attending the monthly meetings
- A written report delivered by June 30, 2007 that outlines proposed regional functions, procedures and/or a structure to implement the functions, and documentation of the support that exists for the preferred option within the Coastal Region
- Grays Harbor County has agreed to be the administrator for the grant on behalf of the coast without charging administrative overhead

#### Issues

- Proposal includes reimbursement for Lead Entity coordinators and stakeholder staff time *to cover their time* to participate, in addition to travel costs
  - Assumption for 4 Lead Entity coordinators is 15 hours per person per meeting for 9 meetings @ \$35 per hour (\$18,900)
  - Assumption for 6 regional stakeholders is 8 hours per person per meeting for 9 meetings @ \$35 per hour (\$15,120)

***The Pend Oreille Lead Entity*** (primarily WDFW regional staff in Spokane acting on behalf of the Lead Entity) has also held several meetings to determine initial interest in exploring options, ranging from expanding the Lead Entity area to creating a regional recovery board. They have found such interest and have proposed a process similar to the coast.

Two sets of detailed meetings would be held with stakeholders between November 2006 and December 2007, and two white papers would be prepared. The first paper would summarize the first phase of stakeholder meetings and summarize stakeholder issues, early opinions on regional approaches, and identify potential regional concepts. The second paper would summarize the results of the second intensive phase of stakeholder meetings and document the agreements made and mechanisms developed for a regional approach.

#### Assumptions and Cost Details

- Request for SRFB funding is \$79,753 (for only facilitator costs)
- A facilitator would be hired to conduct meetings with stakeholders and prepare the written white papers
- WDFW would serve as the fund administrator
- First phase of stakeholder meetings and white paper completed February 28, 2007
- Second phase of stakeholder meetings and white paper completed December 31, 2007 (note that July 1, 2007 is the start of a new biennium, and any work done after that date would depend on the level of biennial funding provided to the SRFB by the Legislature)

### Questions for the Board and Staff Recommendation

A basic issue for Board members is how much of these efforts should be funded by the SRFB, and how much local entities should be expected to contribute. In other words, what is the contribution required of those stakeholders who are considering forming a region?

Specific questions and staff recommendations:

Coastal Lead Entity proposal:

1. Should the Coastal Lead Entity proposal be funded?  
*Staff recommendation: Yes, as modified by staff recommendations below. We believe the coastal Lead Entities have shown a commitment to acting on the SRFB request to explore regional options and should be supported.*
2. Should the Board fund Lead Entity Coordinator time to participate in the facilitated discussions?  
*Staff recommendation: We support funding the time for four Lead Entity coordinators to participate. Three of the four coordinators only work part-time in the Lead Entity coordinator role. The fourth coordinator (NOPLÉ) serves both the Puget Sound process (for WRIAs 17-19) and the coastal process (for WRIA 20). The funding for NOPLÉ would be used at their discretion to either cover the time for the NOPLÉ Lead Entity coordinator or to provide the funding for a designated WRIA 20 representative to participate.*
3. Should the Board fund up to 6 stakeholders for their time to participate in the facilitated discussions?  
*Staff recommendation: No. We believe any stakeholders should be represented through their lead entity coordinators. If they want to attend the meetings, they should be allowed to do so, but this is not the responsibility of the SRFB to fund. This should demonstrate a local commitment to the process.*

**Summary: If the Board agrees with the staff recommendations, the funding provided to the Coast would be \$57,770.**

Pend Oreille Lead Entity proposal:

1. Should the Pend Oreille Lead Entity proposal be funded?  
*Staff recommendation: Staff recommends funding the first phase of the proposal. The work done to date by WDFW staff, on behalf of the Lead Entity, shows a local interest in better coordination. The first phase will be the initial set of stakeholder meetings and write-up of that first white paper. The results of that work would be reported to the Board at its first meeting following report preparation (scheduled for February 28, 2007). At that point, if the Board is comfortable with the progress and benefits being demonstrated, they can authorize the amount, scope and timing for phase 2.*

**Summary: If the Board agrees with the staff recommendation, the funding authorized for the Pend Oreille efforts would be \$20,200.**

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August 22, 2006

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Dear Chairman Ruckelshaus:

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The Washington Coastal Salmon Recovery Region, second largest in the state with 3,185,939 acres in land mass and 4,754 salmonid and marine miles, represented by the Lead Entities of WRIAs 20-24, respectfully submit the following request to the SRFB. Our request outlines steps deemed necessary to further assess and articulate regional functions and a structure for the Coastal Region. We request \$86,420 in grant funding from the SRFB to offset the costs associated with this move towards a more regionalized approach. We propose that Grays Harbor County act as the administrative agent on behalf of the Coastal Region for the proposed grant.

### Environmental Health

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Currently a Lead Entity program is organized in each of the five WRIAs that constitute the Coastal Region. The Lead Entity program for WRIA 20 is currently organized through NOBLE. This relationship for WRIA 20 is now being reconsidered, but in any case WRIA 20 will participate with other coastal entities in the development of any regional functions and structure for the Coastal Region. The Lead Entity program currently receives grant funding to solicit, prioritize and submit salmon habitat protection and restoration projects to the SRFB for funding.

### Utilities & Development

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Beginning this spring, the Coastal Lead Entities, and respective stakeholders, have made progress in working together to initiate discussions related to our process and criteria for the possibility of functioning as a coastal region. We acknowledge the value of continuing to work together. Funding this proposal will enable us to continue working together to further articulate and realize our common goal. It is important to note that the Coastal LE's have gathered and worked together well in the past, but lack of funds, timing and geographic distances limited how often these meetings could take place.

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Our funding proposal would involve hiring, under a subcontract, a facilitator to convene meetings and workshops. This funding would enable advancement of the coast towards functioning on a regional level. We envision a scope of work that allows us to develop information, and through workshops, to engage stakeholders

by discussing community values and issues related to sustainability and protection of the 127 stocks of salmonids in the Coastal Region.

We propose to contract with a facilitator experienced in strategic planning, mediation, and negotiation processes. The anticipated costs include planning and facilitating the regional meetings, preparing and distributing outreach material, and integrating project results into a report as a deliverable product by June 30, 2007.

We estimate a minimum of five workshops and 1-2 monthly meetings with the lead entity coordinators and regional stakeholders. Due to the amount of staff time expected from the lead entity coordinators and other stakeholder participants, this budget also includes reimbursement for costs associated with travel and participation in meetings discussing regional issues. We expect the report to include a preferred option that identifies regional functions and procedures and/or a structure to implement such functions. It will also characterize and document the support that exists for this option within the Coastal Region.

We ask the SRFB to grant this request. The need exists to increase awareness regarding the importance of the coastal populations and advocate their significance for long-term success in sustaining salmon. The proposal before the SRFB will help to initiate and advance regional functions within the Coastal Region.

Respectfully submitted by Grays Harbor County on behalf of the Lead Entity Coordinators for WRIAs 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Napier".

Lee Napier  
Lead Entity Coordinator for WRIAs 22 and 23

Proposed Coastal Region Budget  
August 18, 2006

Resource	Activity	Time Hrs/Frequency	Cost	Estimated Total Cost
Facilitator	Workshops	5	\$1,200.00	\$6,000.00
Facilitator	Meetings 1-2 per month, plus prep and follow up	320	\$70.00	\$22,400.00
WRIA 20, 21, 22/23, and 24 LE Coordinators	Meetings 1-2 per month, plus prep and follow up. Estimated 15 hours commitment from each of the four lead entities. Rate is \$35 per hour.	540	\$18,900.00	\$18,900.00
Reimbursement for regional stakeholders	Reimburse for the time associated with attending the meetings. Rate is \$35 per hour. Estimated up to 6 participants	432	\$15,120.00	\$15,120.00
Travel - WRIA 20, 21, 22/23, and 24 LE Coordinators plus regional stakeholders	Travel estimation of \$250 per month.	1-2 Meeting per month	\$250.00	\$22,500.00
LE Coordinator	Time and travel to attend meetings related to Council of Regions.	Travel and time	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
			Total Budget	\$86,420.00

COAST REGIONAL PROJECT TIMELINE	START DATE	END DATE
PROCUREMENT FOR FACILITATOR	OCTOBER 2006	NOVEMBER 2006
CONVENVE STAKEHOLDERS TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF THE COASTAL REGION ORGANIZATION MODEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GATHER INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS IN A WORKSHOP SETTING</li> <li>• DEVELOP OUTREACH MATERIALS</li> <li>• OUTREACH TO STAKEHOLDERS</li> <li>• FORMULATE INFORMATION GATHERED THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH INTO A DISCUSSION DOCUMENT</li> <li>• REGULAR MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS 1-2 TIMES MONTHLY</li> <li>• DELIVERABLE-COASTAL POSITION REGARDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATION FOR THE REGION</li> </ul>	NOVEMBER 2006	JUNE 2007
SRFB GRANT ROUND FACILITATION OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES	MAY 2007	JUNE 2007 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> We anticipate seeking funding to continue regional work from unidentified sources.

## **SCOPE OF WORK (Year 1)**

### **Northeast Washington Regionalization Scoping and Organization Development**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Pend Oreille Lead Entity, which was established in 2000 with support from the Kalispel Tribe, Pend Oreille County, and the City of Newport, covers Water Resource Inventory Area 62 (WRIA 62) in the far corner of northeast Washington. At the April 2006 meeting of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) the Pend Oreille Lead Entity was encouraged to pursue and develop a regional approach to salmonid recovery in northeastern Washington. The Lead Entity was instructed by the SRFB to work with SRFB staff and the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office (GSRO) to determine: 1) an approach to regionalization (i.e., increase lead entity area or establish a recovery board) and 2) what would capacity needs be (budget and staffing) to administer a regional process. Chairman Ruckelshaus asked that the Pend Oreille Lead Entity operate "as much as you can" under a regional scenario for Round 7.

On June 1, 2006 an initial coordination meeting was held to discuss regionalization. In attendance were staff from the Pend Oreille Lead Entity, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Inter-Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC), GSRO, and the Kalispel Tribe. At this meeting the Pend Oreille Lead Entity, though supportive, declined to be the lead agency for exploring regionalization. WDFW committed Habitat Program staff to take the lead and develop this statement of work and budget. IAC and GSRO were supportive of the concepts presented at this meeting and agreed to assist WDFW by providing review of draft work. In addition, GSRO agreed to provide assistance during the regional development process. The Kalispel Tribe was supportive of the process and agreed to assist where needed. USFWS was also supportive. Subsequent to the meeting the USFWS issued a letter to the Pend Oreille Lead Entity stating that USFWS "will work with local entities that have an interest in and commitment to this effort [bull trout recovery]. A regional board is consistent with the size and scope of the Northeast Washington Management Unit contained in the Service draft [bull trout] recovery plan. If a regional board were established in northeast Washington...it would provide a good forum for discussions of, and prioritization of actions needed to move bull trout toward recovery".

At the June 2006 SRFB meeting a report was made to the board by the Pend Oreille Lead Entity summarizing progress to date including results of the June 1 initial coordination meeting. The SRFB was informed that WDFW would take the lead in the regionalization effort and would continue to work with SRFB staff and GSRO on a scope of work and budget. The SRFB asked that WDFW coordinate with Lead Entities in the Coast Region as they are undergoing a similar regionalization effort.

In early July, WDFW Habitat Program staff met with representatives of the Coast Region to discuss coordination between the Northeast and Coast regionalization efforts. It was agreed that the groups would coordinate development of scopes of work and budgets for each effort and would jointly request time to present to the SRFB at the September meeting in Seattle.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

WDFW, with assistance from Alison Squire under personal service contract, will utilize a collaborative decision-making approach to work with stakeholders in northeastern Washington towards development of a regional organization. Issues associated with regionalization and bull trout recovery will be addressed. The process will provide a structured approach to decision making by which participants will work to resolve issues and address problems, while simultaneously fulfilling their own needs, addressing SRFB lead entity requirements, and meeting the need for bull trout recovery in northeastern Washington.

This interest-based decision-making process will emphasize understanding stakeholder values rather than focusing on positions or solutions. The difference between interests and positions is important to the development of workable resolutions. Why an issue is important to a party allows others to help in the development of a workable solution. When all parties value and respect each other's interests there is a better chance of developing a variety of solutions. Interests help identify what part of a potential solution is important to each party.

Goals for Year 1 (covered by this budget and Scope of Work) include\*:

- Regional organization established in northeast Washington by December 31, 2007
- Interlocal agreements establishing regional organization are in place
- By-laws, organizational chart, operating procedures, etc. have been developed
- Scope of Work for Year 2 operations developed

Goals for Year 2 (not covered by this budget and Scope of Work) include\*:

- Regional organization in northeast Washington fully developed
- Regional organization is actively seeking funding for operations and staffing from SRFB and other sources
- Organization staff hired
- Salmonid recovery strategy/plan under development
- Regional project list submitted to SRFB for Round 9

\* If during the collaborative process, stakeholders conclude that a regional organization should not be established in northeast Washington, these goals would, obviously, not be met.

## **PROJECT TASKS:**

### **Task 1 Hire qualified personal service contractor to lead regionalization scoping and development process.**

WDFW will hire Alison Squire under personal service contract to implement this scope of work including formal and informal stakeholder assessments and coordination, white paper development, and facilitation of regional organization development and organization. Ms. Squire has extensive experience working with stakeholders and facilitating interest-based processes in northeast Washington including the Lake Roosevelt Forum, Lake Roosevelt Water Quality Council, and Intermountain Province Oversight Committee and subbasin planning effort.

Deliverable(s)

- Signed personal service contract with Alison Squire
- On-going project and contract oversight and management by WDFW staff

Due Date(s)\* November 30, 2006 (for contracted services acquired); on-going for contract management. *\*All due dates assume a November 1<sup>st</sup> contract start.*

Total Estimated Cost \$ 3,450  
\$ 3,450 WDFW in-kind match

**Task 2 Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

WDFW, with assistance from GSRO, will coordinate with USFWS to further refine and clarify the role of a regional organization in bull trout recovery, specifically with regards to re-writing, finalizing, and implementing the draft Bull Trout Recovery Plan. This task will be performed concurrently with those tasks that directly lead to development of a regional organization.

Deliverable(s)

- Contact interim reports
- Final white paper discussing relative results with recommendations.

Due Date(s) December 31, 2007

Total Estimated Cost \$ 5,320  
\$ 5,320 - WDFW in-kind match.

**Task 3 Coordination with Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, Council of Regions, and Salmon Recovery Funding Board**

WDFW will coordinate with the GSRO, SRFB, and Council of Regions, during implementation of this scope of work.

Deliverable(s)

- Attend and provide progress reports at all SRFB meetings
- Attend and provide updates at all Council of Regions meetings

Due Date(s) December 31, 2007 for balance of progress reports and updates, interim due dates to be established at later date.

Total Estimated Cost \$ 9,160  
\$ 9,160 - WDFW in-kind match

**Task 4 Stakeholder Assessment**

WDFW, in consultation with the GSRO and SRFB, will conduct an assessment to determine who should be involved in the regionalization process (i.e., stakeholders). Stakeholders may include entities that: 1) are interested in the outcome, 2) could benefit from regionalization, 3) could be harmed by regionalization, or 4) have the power to prevent development of a regional organization in northeast Washington. Stakeholders will then be contacted individually to determine if they wish to be part of the regionalization effort and at what level they wish to participate. Initial stakeholder issues and concerns will be determined. WDFW and the contractor shall meet with all interested stakeholder groups and present the regionalization concept, answer any questions and determine issues and concerns for consideration. All potential state and federal stakeholders will also be contacted.

Deliverable(s)

- Introduction letter mailed to stakeholders
- Meetings with individual stakeholder entities, to include no less than the following: Ferry, Stevens, Okanogan, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, and Spokane counties; Kalispell, Spokane, and Colville Tribes; and, Idaho Office of Species Conservation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Powerpoint presentation, printed handouts, maps, displays and other presentation materials as needed.

Due Date(s) January 31, 2007

Total Estimated Cost \$ 20,175

\$ 7,725 - WDFW in-kind match

\$ 12,450 - Contracted Services

**Task 5 Develop Phase I White Paper**

A white paper, which summarizes the regionalization concept including possible geographic scope, timelines for development of regional organization, organizational alternatives, opportunities and challenges, will be developed. The white paper will also capture stakeholder issues and early opinions on regionalization.

Deliverable(s)

- Phase I white paper
- Distributed to GSRO, SRFB, WDFW, and stakeholders identified in Task 4
- Presented to SRFB

Due Date(s) February 28, 2007

Total Estimated Cost \$ 8,900

\$ 1,150 - WDFW in-kind match

\$ 7,750 - Contracted Services

**Task 6 Facilitate Stakeholder Collaboration**

Stakeholders, including GSRO and SRFB, will be invited to participate in a collaborative decision making process and asked to commit to attend a series of collaborative work sessions held once per month over the course of 8 months (April 2007 – December 2007) in a central location(s) in the regional. Each session will be professionally facilitated.

Stakeholders will design the process to determine what the regionalization concept should look in northeast Washington. Stakeholders will develop a set of written ground rules (i.e., how will decisions be made) or protocols formally agreed to by all participants. Designing and agreeing on the process will give participants the opportunity to learn to work with one another before beginning discussion of substantive issues. Timelines and session logistics will be discussed. Stakeholder “perceptions” will be legitimized

Stakeholders will work towards clarifying the issues and coming to agreement on the regionalization concept. This requires a commitment to understand, respect, and address the interests of each party. The goal is to reach a joint definition of the concept, criteria for development, and an agreement upon how the regional organization, developed jointly, can be used to meet mutual interests. They will work to clarify which issues are appropriate to address through the regionalization effort. Ultimately, the stakeholders will come to an agreement on how to address regionalization that is acceptable to all involved.

Deliverable(s)

- Planning and facilitation of 8 regional collaborative work sessions
- Meeting notes/summaries
- Presentation materials including handouts, pamphlets, maps, displays, Powerpoint presentations as necessary

Due Date(s) December 31, 2007

Total Estimated Cost \$ 40,900

\$ 5,300 - WDFW in-kind match

\$ 35,600 - Contracted Services

**Task 7 Develop Phase II White Paper**

Contractor will develop a white paper summarizing the agreements made during the collaborative process including implementation plan and schedule. This will include a definition of how participants will continue to work together in the implementation process. The implementation plan will include mechanisms for dealing with new information and unforeseen problems and for resolving future disputes. Provisions may be included in the plan to ensure that all stakeholders honor the agreements made.

Deliverable(s)

- Phase II white paper

- Distributed to GSRO, SRFB, WDFW, and stakeholder participants in the collaborative process
- Presented to SRFB

Due Date(s) December 31, 2007

Total Estimated Cost \$ 14,193

\$ 2,300 - WDFW in-kind match

\$ 11,893 - Contracted Services

**Task 8 Formalize Organization of Regional Entity**

Based on decisions made through the collaborative process described in Task 6, agreements made will be formalized through the development of interlocal agreements, resolutions, by-laws, operating procedures, etc. A scope of work for Year 2 regional operations and staffing will be developed for approval at the first formal meeting of the regional organization. Work may be concurrent with Task 6.

Deliverable(s)

- Membership list
- Organization chart
- By-laws/operating procedures
- Interlocal agreement(s)
- Planning and facilitation of first formal meeting of regional organization
- Meeting notes/summary
- Presentation materials including handouts, pamphlets, maps, displays, Powerpoint presentations as necessary
- Year 2 scope of work for regional operations and staffing

Due Date(s) December 31, 2007

Total Estimated Cost \$ 14,360

\$ 2,300 - WDFW in-kind match

\$ 12,060 - Contracted Services

## BUDGET

### BUDGET BY ELEMENT

1.	WDFW SALARIES/Benefits	\$ 27,380
2.	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 79,753
3.	TRAVEL	\$ 8,250
4.	EQUIPMENT	\$ 0
5.	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,075
6.	<b>TOTAL BUDGET BY ELEMENT</b>	<b>\$116,458</b>

### BUDGET BY TASK

Task 1	Hire contractor	\$ 3,450
Task 2	Coordination with USFWS	\$ 5,320
Task 3	Coordination with GSRO, COR, and SRFB	\$ 9,160
Task 4	Stakeholder Assessment	\$ 20,175
Task 5	Develop Phase I Whitepaper	\$ 8,900
Task 6	Facilitate Stakeholder Collaboration	\$ 40,900
Task 7	Develop Phase II Whitepaper	\$ 14,193
Task 8	Formalize Organization of Regional Entity	\$ 14,360
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET BY TASK</b>	<b>\$116,458</b>

Contracted Services \$ 79,753

*Request to SRFB* \$ 79,753

WDFW In-Kind Match (31.5%) \$ 36,705

**TOTAL Project Cost** \$ 116,458

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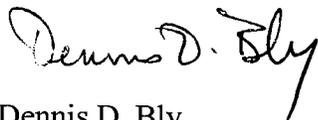
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Dear Mr. Ruckleshaus,

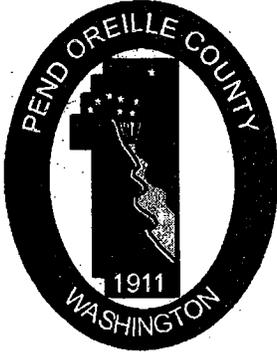
On August 7th, Sandy Dotts, Watershed Steward for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), met with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to discuss an effort to establish a regional fisheries recovery board in northeast Washington. She explained that WDFW would be developing a scope of work and budget request to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) to hire a consultant to facilitate a collaborative, stakeholder-driven process to work out the details of this regionalization effort. Lincoln County is supportive of participating in the collaborative process and encourages the SRFB to fund the effort at your September meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the board.

Sincerely,



Dennis D. Bly  
Chairman

cc: Sandy Dotts, WDFW  
John Andrews, WDFW  
Steve Martin, Governor's Salmon Recovery Office



*Pend Oreille County*

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August 15, 2006

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William D. Ruckelshaus, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Ruckleshaus,

On July 31st, Sandy Dotts, Watershed Steward for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), met with the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners to discuss an effort to establish a regional fisheries recovery board in northeast Washington. She explained that WDFW would be developing a scope of work and budget request to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) to hire a consultant to facilitate a collaborative, stakeholder-driven process to work out the details of this regionalization effort. Pend Oreille County is supportive of participating in the collaborative process and encourages the SRFB to fund the effort at your September meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the board.

Sincerely,

  
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Ken Oliver, Chairman

  
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Dean Cummings, Vice-Chairman

  
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