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Dear Messrs. Olson and Staats:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is writing to request a 60 day comment extension beyond 19 September for the following reasons:

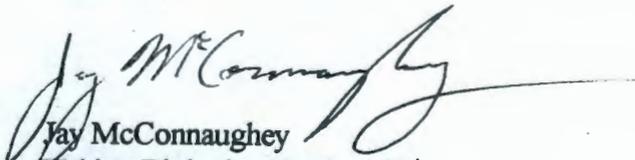
1. WDFW considers itself a major stakeholder in this action given that this project could have adverse impacts to the Columbia River fisheries and ecosystem.
2. Our agency was not aware nor notified of this action until attending the 4 September, 1996 Environmental Restoration (ER) Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) subcommittee meeting. We have had inadequate time to review this project in detail.
3. WDFW was not invited to any planning workshop which the ER contractor held.
4. Via a phone conversation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff, WDFW learned USFWS had not been notified of this project either.
5. This project may require a Washington State hydraulic permit application.
6. This project should have consulted USFWS and the State wildlife agency (Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act), and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.
7. WDFW requests USDOE brief the natural resource agencies (USFWS and WDFW) and U.S.

Army Corp of Engineers on this project.

Initial concerns include: concentrating contaminant(s) so close to the river instead of removing the contaminant(s); a rip rap barrier which could extend or require being placed below the high water line; flooding and erosion of the shoreline.

Our request seems appropriate given the issues. Please notify Brent Renfrow, Region 3 Habitat Program Manager, 1701 S 24th Ave., Yakima, WA 98902, in writing of your decision. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-3095.

Sincerely,



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Habitat Biologist, Hanford Site

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