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Project No. 637-050 -- Washington
Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project
Chelan County PUD

Ms. Michelle Smith
Licensing and Compliance Manager
Chelan County PUD
P.O. Box 1231
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Subject: 2008 Annual Lake Chelan Fishery Work Plan, Article 404

Dear Ms. Smith:

This acknowledges receipt of your 2008 Annual Lake Chelan Fishery Work Plan, filed April 17, 2008, pursuant to Article 404 and the December 4, 2007 Order Modifying and Approving Lake Chelan Fishery Plan for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 637).

The ordering paragraph (B) requires you to file with the Commission by June 1, beginning 2008, an annual fish stocking report. Your filing identifies potential monitoring and evaluation measures to capture projects that could be accomplished in the future and would be evaluated on an annual basis by the Lake Chelan Fishery Forum (LCFF). These measures and associated monitoring relate to Westslope cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, kokanee, burbot, smallmouth and largemouth bass, and bull trout. For 2008, you plan to implement the following monitoring and evaluation program measures: (1) continue bioenergetics food web model development; (2) tributary barrier confirmation and removal planning; (3) fish stocking and associated funding to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; (4) kokanee spawning surveys; (5) habitat assessment for Stehekin River cutthroat and rainbow trout and expanded kokanee spawning surveys; (6) tributary estimates of juvenile cutthroat and rainbow trout abundance; and (7) kokanee creel surveys. Additionally, you state that no measures are proposed to be implemented in place of fish stocking. Finally, you state that a meeting was held on March 4, 2008 with the LCFF to discuss your 2008 plan and a final draft report was provided to the LCFF on March 11, 2008 for review and comment, in which no comments were received.

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Your filing adequately fulfills the requirement of the orders identified herein. As a reminder, your 2009 annual report and plan is due by June 1, 2009.

Thank you for your filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 552-2716.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Gaedeke", written in a cursive style.

Erich G. Gaedeke
Fishery Biologist
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