

REC: 06/11/07
CJH-003

June 6, 2007

Re: BPA-KEC-4

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the efforts for the Chief Joseph Hatchery. This facility will be of great benefit to the Colville Tribe, Okanogan County, and others. The effect on the economy and a better understanding are real bonuses.

Old residents tell of the past numbers of fish runs. It is time the tribes and other residents of the area have such a plan implemented. This already has taken place in the mid and lower Columbia River areas.

This plans fits well with the area's changing character, Agriculture, Recreation, ect.

The big picture also may include a major enhancement of Ft. Okanogan Tourist Center by the "Friends of Ft. Okanogan".

The Okanogan River basin can also improve with possible water storages.

The city of Tonasket, as well as others, have/or using fish-viewing to attract visitors. In British Columbia, the Adams River is a fine example.

This project will benefit all with fish and education about the area.

I am looking forward to seeing this project come into being.

Sincerely,



Ralph E. Longanecker