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RE: Kalispel Tribe Comments on the Draft Fisheries Resource Management General Permit

Dear Mr. Lubliner:

The Kalispel Tribe of Indians is writing in support of the Department of Ecology's proposal to issue the Fisheries Resource Management General Permit to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ("WDFW"). This permit will enable WDFW to expedite the conservation of native fish through the application of rotenone. This naturally derived chemical is the best available tool in terms of costs and performance to eradicate non-native fish at a relatively large scale. Its ongoing use is critical to the success of native fish recovery in the Pend Oreille Basin and the prevention of future ESA listings.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

Joseph R. Maroney
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