

July 30, 2014

Mr. Kurt Beardslee, Executive Director
Wild Fish Conservancy
PO Box 402
Duvall, WA 98019

Dear Mr. Beardslee:

We are in receipt of the Wild Fish Conservancy (WFC) July 9, 2014 Notice of Intent to Sue the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery (LNFH), US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and others for violations of Sections 7 and 9 of the Endangered Species Act for operation, maintenance and funding of the hatchery.

The Icicle Work Group Steering Committee met on July 28 and discussed this recent WFC action against the hatchery. As members of the Icicle Work Group, WFC, LNFH and BOR have agreed to operating procedures which, among other things, obligates all members to work in good faith collaboratively towards development and implementation of an integrated project list that will address and resolve water resource and other concerns in Icicle Creek. The WFC Notice of Intent against fellow members of the Icicle Work Group appears to be inconsistent with the guiding principles and rules of engagement outlined in the Icicle Work Group operating procedures. WFC was an active participant in the development of the Icicle Work Group guiding principles and operating procedures. Additionally, there are a number of projects, including hatchery projects, currently undergoing feasibility analysis that will meet or exceed many, if not all, of the concerns identified in your potential suit.

We would like to know if WFC intends to continue as a member of the Icicle Work Group. If so, we would respectfully ask you to identify specific deficiencies in the Icicle Work Group effort that are not meeting WFC objectives and describe how WFC will participate in the future as a member of the Icicle Work Group.

We request your response by August 30, 2014.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Keith Goehner, Chelan County (Icicle Work Group Co-Convenor)

Derek Sandison, Director, Office of the Columbia River, WA Department of Ecology (Icicle Work Group Co-Convenor)

CC: Dr. Stephen Conroy, President, Wild Fish Conservancy