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Dear Columbia Basin Tribes, First Nations and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife,

In 2015, Columbia Basin Tribes & First Nations presented *Fish Passage & Reintroduction into the U.S. & Canadian Upper Columbia Basin*. The document presented objectives and a phased approach for restoring native peoples' culture, harvest, spiritual values, and First Foods to historic habitats and communities. The approach within proposed a path leading toward restoration.

In the years that followed, the Upper Columbia United Tribes embarked on that path of phased investigation and present *Fish Passage and Reintroduction Phase 1 Report: Investigations Upstream of Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams*. This report synthesizes technical analyses performed in this investigation into one report. Individual technical reports of these analyses, the basis of this document, will be made available and found on our website, www.ucut.org.

We first share this document with you as your organization was fundamental to its origins and development. The Upper Columbia United Tribes thank you for your continued support of this report, which will be presented to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and for later consideration with the Independent Scientific Review Panel and ISAB. As we prepare for the official release of this important milestone study to the larger public, we appreciate you keeping this report confidential until we notify you all for the official rollout.

We appreciate your consideration, continued support, and look forward to furthering engagement on the path to restoration of fish passage into the blocked areas. In that spirit, we look forward to engaging you very soon. Please feel free to contact John Sirois at (509) 209-2414 or john@ucut-nsn.org for further information, comments and questions.

Respectfully,

Rodney Cawston
Chairman, Upper Columbia United Tribes Commission