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Subject: Permit No. 98-7913 Request for Modification

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho is in receipt of the Preliminary Order permitting our requested water right for the Twin Rivers Hatchery that was transmitted by your department via certified mail on February 9, 2012. The purpose of this letter is to request a modification of the identified date by which excavation or construction of diverting works must commence for the proposed hatchery.

Based on the permit issuance date of February 7, 2012, to be in compliance, construction would need to begin by February 7, 2013. We request that this start date be extended until September 30, 2013 for the following reasons:

- Hatchery design is currently at the 30 percent completion level and as required for new aquaculture facilities, must be approved by the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) prior to receiving final funding from the Bonneville Power Administration. This review process is expected to be initiated in June 2012 and will extend approximately five months.
- Upon approval by the ISRP, final design will be initiated. Our current planning schedules indicate that final construction plans and specifications will be complete and ready for bidding by approximately February 2013.
- National Environmental Policy Act compliance is ongoing and is expected to be complete by early 2013.
- Construction is expected to begin by June 2013. Instream work will occur in the fall (late August through October) coincident with the instream work window identified by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

For these reasons, achieving the identified February 2013 construction start date is infeasible and the Tribe respectfully requests that this date be extended to September 30, 2013. An

approximately 20 month construction schedule is anticipated to complete the Twin River Hatchery.

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact me if you would like additional information about the steps the Tribe is undertaking for this important aquaculture project.

Sincerely,
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho



Susan Ireland
Fish and Wildlife Director

cc: William Barquin, KTOI