



October 31, 2006

Mr. Fred Fortier
Chairperson
Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal
Fisheries Commission
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Dear Mr. Fortier:

In your April 25, 2003 letter you asked the International Joint Commission to take further action with respect to its 1941 Order of Approval for Grand Coulee Dam. I also refer to your letters of September 26, 2003; April 20, 2005; May 5, 2005; and August 10, 2005 concerning the International Joint Commission's 1941 Order of Approval for Grand Coulee Dam, and to the International Joint Commission's replies of June 17, 2003; October 28, 2003; February 28, 2005; April 26, 2005; and August 16, 2005.

I understand that you have also had discussions with officials at the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade with respect to this issue. The International Joint Commission believes that this is the appropriate avenue for the Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission to pursue.

Therefore, after careful consideration of this matter, the Commission has decided not to take action with respect to its 1941 Order of Approval.

Yours sincerely,

Murray Clamen
Secretary
Canadian Section

c.c.: Elizabeth Bourget, Secretary, U.S. Section/IJC
Tobias Nussbaum, Director, U.S. Relations Division, Department of
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