NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION 08-1

IN SUPPORT OF COST EFFECTIVE
WILDLIFE MITIGATION PROGRAMS AT MULTI-PURPOSE DAMS

Wildlife is an important natural resource to the Northwest. The Northwest Public Power Association acknowledges the responsibility of the users of multi-purpose dams to reasonably protect regional wildlife within the following guidelines:

- Costs of mitigation should be fairly and equitably apportioned among the responsible parties of the individual multi-purpose projects.
- Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) ratepayers should pay for only the hydroelectric power-related impacts of federal projects constructed within the Bonneville service area.
- BPA ratepayers should have a direct voice in determining the scope, cost and implementation of mitigation and enhancement within the BPA service area, including representation on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council Wildlife Advisory Committee.
- Mitigation plans should place major emphasis on publicly-owned lands, rather than the purchase of private lands.
- BPA's obligation for wildlife mitigation must take into account lands that were previously set aside for wildlife mitigation as a result of construction of the dams.
- The aim of mitigation should be pursued while minimizing the cost to regional customers. Program accountability measures and evaluation of the effectiveness of the program within reasonable time limits should be built-in to ensure that ratepayer funds are being used in the most cost-effective manner.
- Any mitigation analysis must include provisions for crediting wildlife enhancement resulting from the construction and operation of dams and reservoirs targeted for mitigation or enhancement.

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