

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **34-09 ARCHIVED RESOLUTION**

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5 **IN SUPPORT OF COST EFFECTIVE**
6 **WILDLIFE MITIGATION PROGRAMS AT MULTI-PURPOSE DAMS**
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8 Wildlife is an important natural resource to the Northwest. The
9 Northwest Public Power Association acknowledges the responsibility of
10 the users of multi-purpose dams to reasonably protect regional wildlife
11 within the following guidelines:

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

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