Government-to-Government Agreement in Principle Between the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and The Spokane Tribe of Indians

For the Spokane River Arm of Lake Roosevelt

PARTIES: This Agreement in Principle is by and between the Spokane Tribe of Indians (Tribe) and the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), acting through duly authorized representatives.

WHEREAS, the Tribe and WDFW have developed a cooperative and beneficial working relationship on important issues affecting Lake Roosevelt, including but not limited to the use of water supplies for agriculture, hydropower, protection of water quality, enhancement of fisheries and recreation and other beneficial uses, while providing "seamless" fishing opportunities for anglers, and

WHEREAS, the congress of the United States has pending before it "The Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act" (Act); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and WDFW intend to develop a cooperative agreement with other affected governments to provide for coordination and cooperative-management of resources and interests within Lake Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, representatives of WDFW and the Tribe have discussed and cooperatively worked together to develop an agreement in principle, which respects each party's sovereignty;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned parties, understanding their mutual intent to develop a joint Cooperative Assistance Agreement, agree in principle to the following terms for management of law enforcement activities <u>under the Act</u> by their respective agencies on the Spokane River Arm of the Roosevelt.

1. Open Waters and South Shore of the Spokane River Arm of Lake Roosevelt.

The Tribe and the WDFW shall enforce their respective laws, rules and regulations regarding fish and wildlife on the open waters and south shore of the Spokane River Arm of Lake Roosevelt, emphasizing joint enforcement patrols as a practical approach for avoiding conflicts during enforcement contacts.

2. North Shore of the Spokane Arm of Lake Roosevelt and Adjacent Secondary Shorelands of the Spokane Indian Reservation.

The Tribe shall enforce its applicable laws, rules and regulations regarding fish and wildlife on the north shore of the Spokane Arm of Lake Roosevelt on the Spokane Indian Reservation.

3. "Seamless" Fishing Opportunities For Anglers

To avoid confusion and provide seamless fishing opportunities, the Tribe and WDFW agree that, from the perspective of the "average" angler, the parties' fishing regulations must be aligned ("match" if possible). Therefore, <u>under the Act</u>:

- A valid State or Tribal (for enrolled Spokane tribal members) fishing license shall authorize fishing on the open waters and south shore of the Spokane River Arm of Lake Roosevelt.
- b. A valid Tribal fishing license or permit shall authorize fishing from the north shore of the Spokane River Arm of Lake Roosevelt on the Spokane Indian Reservation for non-members. The Tribal fishing license or permit for non-members will include a requirement for a valid State fishing license.

4. Cooperative Assistance Agreement

Consistent with applicable laws, the Tribe and WDFW shall assist one another cooperatively in their respective enforcement responsibilities and activities, emphasizing coordinated joint enforcement strategies as provided above, and develop a specific agreement, which provides for broad geographic and temperal coverage and addresses elements such as logistics, tools, and scheduling.

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