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Memorandum

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Regional Director, Region 1

From:

Director

Subject:

2011 Fish & Wildlife Service Environmental Leadership Awards

I would like to congratulate the Kooskia National Fish Hatchery (NFH) for receiving the Service's 2011 "Hatchery of the Year" Environmental Leadership Award, and the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) for receiving two of the Service's 2011 Environmental Leadership Awards (ELA), one each for the new Headquarters Building and the Maintenance Shop renovations.

The Kooskia NFH and the Turnbull NWR have reason to be proud. The Kooskia NFH is being recognized as the "Hatchery of the Year – 2011" for their achievements in creatively implementing Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Water Conservation. Their innovative approaches include the construction of a new egg incubation system that reuses chilled water, and the installation of a more efficient chiller system that resulted in significantly lower water usage. This project was possible due to an appropriate use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds.

Turnbull NWR is recognized for two projects that resulted in a significant reduction in energy consumption at the Refuge. A new Headquarters building was constructed that is a model of sustainable design, with over half the construction waste material being recycled. The Maintenance Shop was renovated, resulting in a 32 percent reduction in energy consumption and a LEED-equivalent rating of Silver.

Plaques and award certificates for the Kooskia NFH and the Turnbull NWR are attached. In addition, Kooskia NFH will receive the "Hatchery of the Year" traveling trophy to display for one year. The trophy will be sent directly to Kooskia NFH by the 2010 recipient.

The Service's environmental awards program is administered by the Division of Engineering. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. St. Clair Thompson at 703-358-2562.

Attachments