



Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

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Dear Sir,

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho thanks the United States Coast Guard for its outreach and invitation to consult government-to-government on the BNSF Railway Bridge Project Bonner County, Idaho.

Portions of Lake Pend Oreille lie within Ktunaxa (Kootenai) Territory and the Kootenai Tribe and its citizens exercise Treaty-reserved fishing, hunting and gathering rights in the area. Understanding potential effects of the BNSF Railway Bridge Project on Treaty and cultural resources is important to our government and we accept your invitation to consult government-to-government.

Please contact Kevin Greenleaf, greenleaf@kootenai.org, (208) 267-3519 x514, to schedule a staff-level conference call to discuss how best to approach this consultation.

The Kootenai Tribe needs additional time to review the determination of No Adverse Effect on historic properties.

We look forward to working with your agency on evaluation of this Project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Aitken Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

Gary Aitken Jr.
Tribal Chairman
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho