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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Mr. J. William McDonald, Regional Director  
Bureau of Reclamation (PN100)  
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Re: Endangered Species Act Section 7 Biological Opinion on the Reinitiation of Consultation on Operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System, Including the Juvenile Fish Transportation Program, and 19 Bureau of Reclamation Projects in the Columbia Basin

Dear Messrs. Wright, McDonald, and Brig. General Strock:

Enclosed is the biological opinion prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS), Including the Juvenile Fish Transportation Program, and 19 Bureau of Reclamation Projects in the Columbia River Basin. In this biological opinion, NMFS concludes that the impacts of the FCRPS jeopardize the continued existence of listed Snake River salmon. Pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA, this biological opinion includes a reasonable and prudent alternative it believes will avoid jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Donna Darm  
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure  
cc: USFWS, Portland - Anne Badgley, Regional Director



