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Re: Endangered Species Act Section 7 Biological Opinion on the Reinitiation of Consultation on
1994-1998 Operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and Juvenile
Transportation Program

Dear Messrs. Hardy, Keyes and General Harrell:

Enclosed is the biological opinion (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 (FCFPS). NMFS concludes in this Opinion that the impacts of the FCRPS jeopardize the continued existence of listed Snake River salmon. Pursuant to section 7 of the ESA, NMFS has included in this Opinion reasonable and prudent alternatives it believes will avoid jeopardy.

Sincerely,



Rolland A. Schmitt
Assistant Administrator
For Fisheries

Enclosure

cc: USFWS, Portland - Michael Spear, Director