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Mr. Frank Warrens  
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Dear Mr. Warrens:

Thank you for your letter regarding fish passage and the recent decision by Judge Marsh on the 1993 biological opinion on operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS).

I appreciate the enormous sacrifice that California, Oregon, and Washington fishers have taken to reduce harvest impacts on depressed salmon stocks, including listed Snake River salmon, and agreement that passage conditions in the Columbia and Snake Rivers must be improved significantly if stocks are to recover. The Detailed Fish Operating Plan (DFOP) is one such proposal to improve fish passage.

As you may know, the recent decision by Judge Marsh has precipitated our reevaluation of the biological opinion on the 1994-1998 FCRPS operations, including the assumptions and analyses used to arrive at both the "no jeopardy conclusion" and the reasonable and prudent measures outlined in the opinion. As we proceed with this reevaluation of the consultation, and with our recovery planning process, we will continue to evaluate the options and recommendations contained in DFOP.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Foster for*  
Rolland A. Schmitt

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