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Attachment 1
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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Mr. Hans Radtke
Chairman
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 Northeast Ambassador Place
Portland, Oregon 97220

Dear Mr. ^{Hans}Radtke:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Evans regarding the Council's concerns about the effects of reduced flows in the Klamath River basin on coho and chinook salmon populations. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) is deeply concerned about the recent fish kill in the basin and the impacts to the communities, the economy, the tribes and the fishery resource.

NOAA Fisheries will be evaluating any new information that becomes available on fish populations and flow needs in the Klamath basin over the coming months to determine if reinitiation of consultation under either section 7 of the Endangered Species Act or the Essential Fish Habitat provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act is warranted. NOAA Fisheries is currently working with the Bureau of Reclamation and other interests in the basin to initiate a Conservation Implementation Committee to find a lasting solution that will balance the competing water interests in the basin. If you have any further questions, please call Jim Lecky, in our Southwest Regional Office at (562) 980-4015.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.