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Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, #101
Portland, Oregon 97220

Subject: Agenda Item B.1, Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Dear Chair Anderson and Council Members:

On March 3, 2020, a researcher with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), at the request of Pacific Fishery Management Council's Habitat Committee, presented analyses by the Comparative Survival Study (CSS) of the Columbia River System Operations (CRSO) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). While the presentation was given by an employee of the Service, and as stated at the beginning of the oral presentation, the analyses from the CSS modeling of the CRSO DEIS were presented on behalf of the CSS Oversight Committee. The CSS is a research group consisting of members from tribal, state, federal, and non-governmental partners working in collaboration and having equal representation on the CSS Oversight Committee. As such, the results of CSS research are the product of the CSS Oversight Committee and should not be interpreted as a policy position of the Service.

We thank the Council for its commitment to habitat-based management of salmon fisheries. If you have questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Kyle Hanson, of my staff, at (360) 425-2500 or kyle_hanson@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

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