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From: Bunn, Amoret L <Amoret.Bunn@pnl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:56 AM
To: Doyle, Daniel
Cc: Mcdowell, Bruce K; Pham, Bo; Imboden, Andy; Logan, Dennis
Subject: RE: Request for species and EFH list for Columbia Generating Station

Hi Dan,

I'm not sure if Dennis got this message before leaving Richland this morning.

Thanks for forwarding this message. I was getting concerned and was planning on sending messages to those I know in northwest region of NMFS about this issue today. But their website (<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/>) hasn't been working since Monday, and I've been stymied trying to get phone numbers.

What I would like to know the following:

One -- Would Mr. Bambrick or his staff would like to join us at the site audit? The letter he received opened that opportunity. I feel we need to talk with Mr. Bambrick or his staff to determine how extensive he would like to have our assessment cover. One of the advantages of attending the site audit is that they can see how extensive the thermal plume is in the Columbia River (or not so much), the type of chemicals that could be discharged, the location of the intake and discharge structures, and the vicinity of the closest salmon redd substrate. That would allow us to discuss what they would like to see in the BA and EFH assessment.

Two -- Would we address both the BA and EFH assessment to Mr. Bambrick's office? Or are these assessments handled out of different offices within the northwest region?

I would be to call Mr. Bambrick too.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Doyle, Daniel [<mailto:Daniel.Doyle@nrc.gov>] *inrc*
 Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:50 AM
 To: Bunn, Amoret L; Logan, Dennis
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 Subject: FW: Request for species and EFH list for Columbia Generating Station

Amoret and Dennis,

This is the reply from NMFS to our scoping letter. I have not yet replied to Mr. Bambrick. Is there anything else I should say or ask for? Otherwise, I will basically just acknowledge receipt and thank him for his input.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dale Bambrick [mailto:Dale.Bambrick@noaa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:27 PM

To: Doyle, Daniel

Subject: Request for species and EFH list for Columbia Generating Station

NOAA

Mr. Doyle, I'm in receipt of of Bo Pham's May 3 letter to acting NMFS Regional Administrator Barry Thom requesting a list of species and EFH potentially affected by the subject license renewal. Generally, we don't provide such lists, but rather refer agencies to our website where that information can be gleaned:

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/>

However, to assist you in your efforts to prepare for ESA consultation, be advised that as the contemplated action affects Columbia River flows and potentially adds contaminants to the Columbia River, the NRC should assess the potential effects of the continued operation of the plant to all Columbia River salmon and steelhead species (including the Snake River species) as these species spend portions of their fresh water life histories in the Columbia River downstream of the water intakes for the subject nuclear plant. In addition, the Columbia River in the plant vicinity is classified as Essential Fish Habitat for Chinook salmon and the lower Columbia River is designated EFH for both Chinook salmon and coho salmon. Good luck.

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Maybe we barbers should test these assumptions analytically, through experimentation and a "scientific method". Maybe this scientific method could be extended to other fields of learning: the natural sciences, art, architecture, navigation. Perhaps I could lead the way to a new age, an age of rebirth, a Renaissance!...Naaaaaahh! Theodorick of York, Medieval Barber