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Docket Nos. 50-514  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILES

FROM: R. W. Froelich, Environmental Project Manager  
Environmental Projects Branch 1

SUBJECT: U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONSULTATION, PEBBLE SPRINGS  
NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2

On September 14, 1979, the NRC staff sent a letter to the U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon, requesting consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service as required by the 1978 amendments to the Endangered Species Act. A response to this letter, dated October 12, 1979, informed the staff that the Fish and Wildlife Service knew of no listed threatened or endangered species within the Pebble Springs project area. The letter went on to suggest that the staff consider informal consultation to discuss specific candidate species (identified by the Portland Fish and Wildlife Service office) that might be proposed as threatened or endangered at some future date. A copy of this letter is attached.

On December 20, 1979, Mr. R. W. Froelich, NRC environmental project manager for the Pebble Springs Nuclear Plant, met with Mr. Jay Gore, Team Leader, Endangered Species Program, at the Boise, Idaho, office of the Fish and Wildlife Service for this informal consultation. Mr. Gore reported that his office had determined that there were no threatened or endangered species within the Pebble Springs project area, and that the status of the candidate species listed in the Portland Fish and Wildlife Service office letter remained unchanged. On this basis, Mr Gore concluded that the requirements of Section 7(c) of the amended Endangered Species Act (Public Law 95-631, November 10, 1978, STAT 3751-3767) had been met, and that further formal Section 7 consultation is not required. This decision completes the requirements for staff consultation with respect to threatened or endangered species.

Mr. Gore suggested that the staff continue to monitor the status of the candidate species listed in the enclosure to this memo, and provided a list of Oregon/Washington ecologists that could be contacted for such information. He also suggested that staff contacts with the plant ecologists include further efforts to determine if any of the listed plants could be expected to occur in the Pebble Springs project area. The staff will comply with these suggestions. Mr. Gore considered that the analyses of salmon, steelhead and curlews were adequate. The staff will continue to monitor the status of these species as well as the plant species, and will take appropriate action if any are proposed for consideration as threatened or endangered species.

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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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October 12, 1979

In reply refer to:  
AFA-SE

Mr. Ronald L. Ballard, Chief  
Environmental Project Branch 1  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ballard:

This responds to your letter, dated September 14, 1979, requesting a list of endangered and threatened species and those proposed for listing in either category that may be present within the area of the proposed 2-unit Pebble Springs Nuclear Plant near Arlington, Oregon.

To the best of our knowledge, there are no listed or proposed threatened or endangered species within the area of the project. However, we are attaching a list of candidates which might within the foreseeable future be proposed and then undergo a final rulemaking. We urge that you consider informal consultation to avoid any conflicts at a later date should the species become listed and be present within the area of the proposal. Informal consultation should be requested of our Area Office at the following address:

L. A. Mehrhoff  
4620 Overland Road, Room 238  
Boise, Idaho 83705  
Phone: FTS 554-1960

This fulfills the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide information on listed species pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill Meyer*  
William H. Meyer  
Acting Regional Director

Attachment

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LISTED AND PROPOSED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED  
SPECIES, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES THAT MAY OCCUR  
IN THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED  
2-UNIT PEBBLE SPRINGS NUCLEAR PLANT NEAR ARLINGTON, OREGON

LISTED SPECIES

None

PROPOSED SPECIES

CANDIDATE SPECIES

All salmon of the genus Oncorhynchus

Steelhead, Salmo gairdnerii

Plants

Allium robinsonii

Arenaria franklinii var. thompsonii

Dodecatheon poeticum

Mimulus jungermannioides

Bird

Long-billed curlew, Numenius americanus

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