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Dear Mr. Klatte and Mr. Dykstra,

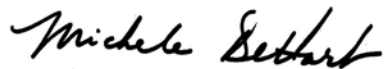
It has come to our attention that modifications to the Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) have occurred as changes to the Fish Passage Plan, through recommendations from the Fish Passage Operations and Maintenance Committee (FPOM). As the Project Leader and ESA permit holder for the SMP, I am requesting that any changes to the SMP program be made with full coordination through the Fish Passage Center (FPC). The FPC will discuss changes with the Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) and respond back in writing within a reasonable amount of time.

The specific FPOM change to the 2008 Fish Passage Plan (FPP) that prompted this request is the change to the SMP sampling hours at John Day Dam when temperatures meet or exceed 70°F. This FPP change (08APP\_K\_003 Appendix K 3.d.iv) was proposed on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and was not attached to the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 FPOM agenda sent by electronic mail to FPOM members on Wed 2/13/2008 at 11:09 AM. In our discussions with others present at the February FPOM, it was not clear to them that the sampling time was proposed to be changed; instead it was their understanding that the discussions were primarily centered on where the temperature was to be measured at John Day Dam. At any rate, the sampling time changes were included in the FPP. This change came as a surprise to SMP personnel at JDA as well as to the SMP Coordinator. This change was not widely discussed and the FPP recommendation presents difficulty since it encompasses two sampling days in the SMP.

The procedures for changes to the SMP normally include a review of the SMP information by the FPC. The FPC compiles and summarizes the available data and shares it with the FPAC for determination if a change is warranted and, if so, a subsequent recommendation is developed by FPAC. The FPAC has undertaken the task of reviewing the sampling at John Day Dam and will forward their recommendation to the FPOM in the next few weeks.

We appreciate your willingness to work with us to ensure that all changes to the SMP are fully coordinated with all responsible parties. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele DeHart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Michele DeHart  
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