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Mr. Kemper McMaster
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. McMaster:

We would like to request Section 7 consultation for proposed actions at East Sand Island, Fern Ridge Lake, Summer Lake, and Crump Lake, Oregon associated with a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for *Caspian Tern Management to Reduce Predation of Juvenile Salmonids in the Columbia River Estuary*. This project entails development and management of habitat for Caspian terns at these locations. The Action Agencies for the proposed actions include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The Action Agencies could also include the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to the extent BPA implements the FEIS.

We are requesting concurrence from the Service that the following species and critical habitat that may be affected, are not likely to be adversely affected by the proposed action: bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and California brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*). We are also requesting formal consultation, due to the likelihood of unavoidable adverse effects, for the Warner sucker (*Catostomus warnerensis*).

A court mediated settlement agreement (National Audubon Society et al. v. Colonel Randall J. Butler et al.) requires the completion of this FEIS and a Record of Decision by February 28, 2005. We appreciate any efforts you can make to expedite this process so that we may comply with our court appointed deadlines. Please refer any questions to Nanette Seto, Division of Migratory Birds and Habitat Programs, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter.

Assistant Regional Director
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Chief, Environmental Resources Branch
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cc:

Chief, Division of Consultation, Endangered Species, Region 1, Portland, OR

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