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Dear Mr. White:

We would like to request Section 7 consultation for proposed actions in San Francisco Bay, California 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 includes management actions for development and management of Caspian tern habitat at Brooks Island, Hayward Regional Shoreline, and Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, San Francisco Bay, California. A biological assessment addressing the proposed actions at these locations is enclosed. 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: California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris*), delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*), salt marsh harvest mouse, and western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*).

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 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter.

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