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Subject: Transmittal of Recommendations on Restoring Fall-run Chinook Salmon to the Upper San Joaquin River from Restoration Administrator

Dear Mr. Short:

The Stipulation of Settlement (Settlement) in NRDC v. Rodgers in Natural Resources Defense Council, et al. v. Kirk Rodgers, et al., Civ. No. S-88-1658 LKK/GGH (E.D. Cal.) requires that a Restoration Administrator (RA) submit a series of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding specific elements of the Settlement implementation. Subsequent to the Settlement, Reclamation formally agreed in a Third Party Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide the Third Parties any recommendation by the RA to the Secretary or the Secretary's designee regarding a matter that is subject to the MOU. Enclosed are recommendations from the RA titled ***Recommendations on Restoring Fall-run Chinook Salmon to the Upper San Joaquin River.***

The implementing agencies have formed a Fishery Management Workgroup (FMW) that is currently developing a comprehensive fisheries management plan. This plan, scheduled to be completed in December 2008, will provide a roadmap to adaptively manage efforts to restore and maintain naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish in the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River. These recommendations from the RA will be provided to the FMW for consideration in the development of the fisheries management plan. The FMW is also interested in receiving input on the development of the fisheries management plan from the Third Parties and the general public.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the commitments in the Settlement or related agreements, or to learn how to provide input to the FMW. I can be reached at jphillips@mp.usbr.gov or (916) 978-5033.

Sincerely,

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