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Re: Public comment and WDFW responses to the 17 Lower Columbia River Segregated Mitchell Act Funded Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans

Dear Mr. Stelle:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is submitting the attached public comments and WDFW responses for the 17 Lower Columbia River Segregated Mitchell Act Funded Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMP's).

Previous drafts of the 17 Lower Columbia River HGMP's were reviewed by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group in fall 2012. Additionally, the 17 Lower Columbia River HGMP's were provided for public comment during fall of 2012. We are working on incorporation of these comments into the HGMP's where applicable and intend to send the updated HGMP's to you within the next two weeks.

If you have any questions regarding the public comments or WDFW's responses to the 17 HGMP's, please contact Cindy Le Fleur by phone at 360-906-6708, or email Cindy.LeFleur@dfw.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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