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Dear Ms. Walker:

Subject: Extension of the USFWS Biological Opinion for the 2008 Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic

In January of this year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) extended coverage for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) 2008 Fish Passage and Habitat Restoration Programmatic (2008 Programmatic). As you are aware, formal consultation to renew and update the Programmatic is still in progress. Due to current workload and competing priorities, the 2008 Programmatic will require another six month extension, so as to continue providing coverage until formal consultation is completed, and the Programmatic can be renewed and updated with issuance of a new Biological Opinion (Opinion).

The 2008 Programmatic provides an efficient and streamlined process for addressing activities that restore habitat and contribute to the recovery of listed species throughout Washington State. Extending coverage will streamline consultations for actions that restore habitat and support recovery, while we complete formal consultation and issue a new Opinion.

The USFWS is extending the effective date of the 2008 Programmatic, for species under USFWS jurisdiction, until January 1, 2022. We expect that monitoring and reporting will continue as required in the Opinion, and as needed if the Corps is approaching the take limits described in the Incidental Take Statement.

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If you have any questions about this letter, or our shared responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act, please contact Ryan McReynolds ([ryan\\_mcreynolds@fws.gov](mailto:ryan_mcreynolds@fws.gov); 360-753-6047) or Curtis Tanner ([curtis\\_tanner@fws.gov](mailto:curtis_tanner@fws.gov); 360-753-4326).

Sincerely,

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