



Please find attached for your review a final draft of the interagency Pacific Northwest Regional Agreement regarding Enhanced Coordination under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and those Environmental Protection Statutes Administered by EPA. This regional agreement, specific to the States of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, both supplements and augments the January 2001 National Memorandum of Agreement between our three federal agencies regarding enhanced coordination under the Clean Water Act and ESA.

We are interested in your comments prior to our signing of the agreement. Our agencies have been working on this regional agreement over the past year.

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Please provide any comments you have prior to January 31, 2002 and address them to:

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