



File Code: 1950-3/2670

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Dear Interested Citizen:

ERRATA

Final EIS – Fish Passage and Aquatic Habitat Restoration at Hemlock Dam

Page IV-59: Table 4-7, "Summary of determinations for ESA listed species by Alternative, Hemlock Dam Fish Passage and Stream Channel Restoration", incorrectly describes the effects of Alternative C (the preferred alternative) as LAA (likely to adversely affect) both "Lower Columbia River chinook Critical habitat" and "Lower Columbia River steelhead trout Critical habitat".

Page 99 of the Biological Assessment states that the project (preferred alternative) has been determined to "not likely adversely affect" (NLAA) designated or proposed critical habitat for Lower Columbia River chinook and Lower Columbia River steelhead.

On December 6, 2005, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) completed consultation for both the listing of critical habitat for steelhead and critical habitat for chinook in a supplemental Biological Opinion. In this opinion, NMFS concurred with the Forest Service determinations of NLAA from the Biological Assessment. **Therefore, the Table IV-59 of the Final EIS is incorrect and is corrected by this notice to list "NLAA" for both LCR chinook and LCR steelhead critical habitat for Alternative C.**

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Record of Decision - Fish Passage and Aquatic Habitat Restoration at Hemlock Dam

Page 9 of the Record of Decision incorrectly states that "[t]he selected alternative is also "likely to adversely affect" critical habitat for LCR steelhead and critical habitat for chinook salmon (FEIS, IV-59)." **This sentence is corrected to read: "[t]he selected alternative is also "not likely to adversely affect" critical habitat for LCR steelhead and critical habitat for chinook salmon (FEIS, IV-59)."**



Based on guidance from Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, 18.2, I have determined that, as corrected, the environmental impacts to critical habitat are less than I considered for the decision. These corrections would not result in changed circumstances or cause me to reconsider my original decision. Therefore, this Errata sheet is being mailed to holders of the Final EIS and Record of Decision. There is no need for a supplement to or revision of the EIS and Record of Decision.

Sincerely,

/s/Nancy Ryke
NANCY RYKE
District Ranger