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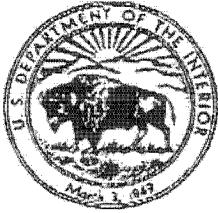
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Comments: Re Action ID #200200175
Here is the categorical exclusion for this
project (water control structure for Smith-
Bybee). The wetland restoration at Smith-Bybee
is partly funded by NAWCA grant. Please
forward to staff reviewing application
(Mary Headley? Karla Ellis?).

Please call if fax is not received properly.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Memorandum

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To: Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Washington, D.C.

From: **ACTING** Regional Director, Region 1
Portland, OR (ARW/MBHP)

Subject: Determination of Categorical Exclusion for the Lower Columbia River Ecoregion
Restoration Project-Phase III

ACTION: North American Wetland and Waterfowl Office

We have attached the subject Determination of Categorical Exclusion in the form of an Environmental Action Memorandum. This action satisfies a requirement for funding of the subject project through a North American Wetland Conservation Act grant. If you have any questions, please contact Carey Smith, Pacific Coast Joint Venture Coordinator, in Vancouver, Washington at (360) 892-6821.

Attachment

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION MEMORANDUM

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes or policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record. I have determined that the Lower Columbia Ecosystem Restoration project is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516DM2, Appendix 1. No further documentation will be made.

The objectives to be attained by this proposed project include acquisition, restoration and enhancement of wetland habitats and associated uplands. The project area includes natural flood plain depressions that were wetlands prior to the excavation of drainage ditches. The project will create habitat for waterfowl, waterbirds, and shorebirds.

The Chinook River acquisition will enable partners to initiate a major estuarine restoration in an area valuable to anadromous fish and will require a higher level of NEPA compliance. This restoration is in the early planning stages and will not require North American Wetland Conservation Act funds. NEPA compliance for this restoration will be pursued through the normal project permitting procedure.

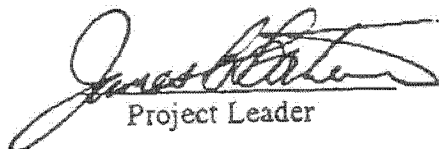
The project goals will be accomplished through the following standard habitat management practices:

1. Constructing fish-friendly water control structures;
2. Blocking drainage ditches;
3. Replanting native vegetation;
4. Protection of wetland and associated upland habitats through fee title or easement acquisition.

We believe that these goals, objectives, and the associated project fall specifically under the following categorical exclusions (516 DM6, Appendix 1):

1.4B. Resource Management. (3): The construction of new, or the addition of, small structures or improvements, including structures and improvements for the restoration of wetland, riparian, or native habitats, which result in only minor changes in the use of the affected local area.

1.4E. Financial Assistance. (2): Grants for categorically excluded actions in paragraphs A, B, and C; and categorically excluded actions in Appendix 1 of 516 DM 2.


Project Leader

3/3/00
Date

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Migratory Birds & Habitat Programs



Date: 5/5/03 Time: _____

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