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Re: Your request for review and comment on the 1995 Parametrix screening risk assessment for Smith-Bybee Resource Management Area

Dear Ms. Roth:

This is to respond to your letter of June 3 and to confirm our recent telephone discussions about our position on the safety of fish from Smith and Bybee Lakes within your designated management area. I apologize for failing to ensure that you were advised of our recent conclusions and recommendations to the City of Portland, relative to the 1995 Parametrix report.

We received your voice message of April 20 regarding inclusion of Smith and Bybee Lakes in the City of Portland brochure concerning fish from Columbia Slough. We had not reviewed the fish data from the Parametrix report, but we did so immediately. Based on that review and on our existing data for the lakes, we recommended that reference to Smith and Bybee Lakes not be included in the fish brochure.

Enclosed are copies of our discussion of the contaminant findings.

We do not believe that a fish advisory or warnings about the safety of fish from Smith and Bybee Lakes are warranted. I would be glad to discuss further with you or with your committee.

Sincerely:

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