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- Duncan asked for report. Paul gave it to them.
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 Memo: Duncan
 Re: Phone message from Emily Roth, City of Portland
 Ken Kauffman
 April 21, 1998

On April 20 I got a voice message from Emily Roth (797-1515), who says she is the manager for Smith and Bybee Lakes. I assume she is with City of Portland.

She goes on to say that Susan Barthol has informed her that I "don't want to include reference to Smith and Bybee Lakes" on the city's advisory for South Slough. This is holding up the brochure, she says. She needs to talk to me because it is her belief that fish swim back and forth a lot between the slough and these two lakes--so it stands to reason, she thinks, that the same advisory and brochure apply to them as to the slough.

She assumes, apparently, that if we knew that; the brochure could proceed, with Smith and Bybee Lakes specifically included.

She may be correct that there is enough opportunity for intermingling of fish, at least some of the time, that they would have similar chemical characteristics. That may not be true. Since we haven't evaluated the data in the contract report of 1995, we don't know if it is true.

I think our position is that the lakes are not included in the slough advisory, and no data was evaluated from them at the time the slough advisory was issued. Second, we have evaluated a small amount of test data from the lakes, prior to 1995, and concluded that no advisory was in order. We were not asked to specifically respond to the contractor's report of 1995, and we didn't. What we need to do now is to review it and see where we come out. If an advisory is in order, then we need to issue one. I plan to do that as soon as I can work it into my schedule.

I would hope the brochure isn't waylaid because of the lakes. The lakes are a different (but possibly related) issue, just as a lot of other urban lakes and streams are.

As I recall the work group's decision on the brochure, we considered a generalized "urban waters" or "lower Columbia-lower Willamette" brochure; and decided that it really needs to address the slough itself.

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Memo: Paul Vandenberg, Metro, Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave

Re: Smith and Bybee Lakes--discussions about fish contaminants

and advisories

Ken Kauffman

September 3, 1998

This is to confirm the several discussions we have had since I met and spoke with your S/B Management Committee on July 28.

You had questioned my characterization of the PCB data for the two lakes in my in-house memo to Duncan Gilroy on April 22. I had provided copies of it to those at the committee meeting. In the memo I refer to a single PCB "finding" of 245 ppb for Aroclor 1260, by Parametrix in 1995.

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You point out that the 254 ppb figure is actually an extrapolated number derived from a fillet finding of 380 ppb and a nondetect finding in the sample "remainders." It is not a measured finding.

You are right about that and I apologize if this has confused or misled anyone. The thrust and the conclusion of my April 22 are not altered by the fact. If anything, the fact makes the data weaker and even less certain than I had stated it.

I think the resolution of the question about fish safety will be in additional testing to see if the small data we now have is characteristic, whether the data changes with time and with changes in management of the lakes, and whether the contaminant levels are really worse (or better) than the data have shown so far.

I look forward to working with you in the future and to further conversation with you, Emily and your management committee.

cc: Ron Hall
Duncan Gilroy

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