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Steve W. Landino
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Subject: 2010 Forest Practices HCP Annual Report,
Incidental Take Permits 1573 (NOAA) and TE 121202-0 (USFWS)

Dear Mr. Landino:

Enclosed please find the 2010 annual report for the State of Washington's Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan (Forest Practices HCP). This report covers the period from July 2009 through June 2010, fulfilling the State's obligation to "submit periodic reports to the Services describing actions taken by the State to implement the HCP" per Section 9.1 of the Implementing Agreement.

A few highlights from the reporting period include:

- Forest Practices Board adoption of a rule using the adaptive management process regarding desired future condition basal area targets for riparian management zones;
- Three significant changes made to the Compliance Monitoring sampling process;
- Large forest landowner repair of 268 fish passages for a total of 3,141 since 1999 and improvement of 1,176 miles of forest road resulting in a total of 16,195 miles improved since 1999; and
- Initiation of process to provide economic relief to forest landowners by extending the completion date for road maintenance and abandonment plan implementation.

Complete fourth-year results from Forest Practices HCP implementation efforts are included in the enclosed 2010 report, which also can be found on our website at www.dnr.wa.gov.

The State looks forward to a strong, continuing partnership with NOAA Fisheries Services and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conserve aquatic species and their habitats on Washington's private and state-owned forest lands.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, after appropriate inquiries, the information submitted is true, accurate and complete.

Sincerely,

Peter Goldmark
Commissioner of Public Lands

cc: The Honorable Christine Gregoire, Washington State Governor
Forest Practices Board
Phil Anderson, Director, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ted Sturdevant, Director, Washington State Department of Ecology