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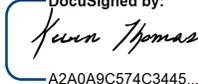
Dear Mr. Chadwick:

I am responding to your letter dated November 30, 2021, sent on behalf of your client, Butte Sink Mitigation, LLC (Bank Sponsor), regarding the credit ratio for winter run Chinook salmon (WRCS) at the Butte Sink Mitigation Bank (BSMB). Per your letter, the Bank Sponsor is proposing a credit ratio of one-half credit per one acre (i.e., 0.5:1 ratio of credit:acre) for WRCS at the BSMB to resolve the WRCS crediting issue. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed this proposal and agrees a 0.5:1 WRCS crediting ratio is appropriate at BSMB and supported by the data CDFW provided in previous correspondence.

Please revise and resubmit the BSMB bank agreement package to reflect the agreed upon 0.5:1 WRCS crediting ratio. The revised and resubmitted bank agreement package should also include the items and revisions CDFW previously requested in our February 9, 2021, comments on the package.

We appreciate your help in satisfactorily resolving the WRCS credit ratio issue so that we can move forward with the bank agreement package.

Sincerely,

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