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Re: RP Comments on Trustees' Draft DARP

Dear Joe:

Thank you for providing comments on the draft Cosco Busan Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan ("DARP") on behalf of Regal Stone Limited and Fleet Management Limited (collectively the "Responsible Party" or "RP"). The State of California and federal Natural Resource Trustee Agencies (collectively the "Trustees") have thoroughly reviewed the materials you provided on April 14, 2011, regarding the effects of the oil spill on Pacific herring.

The Trustees have made several revisions to the DARP to address points raised by the RP in the materials you provided. A copy of the revised DARP herring section - the version that will be released for public review and comment - is attached for your information. In addition, I have attached a document containing the Trustees' general response to the RP's comments. The Trustees will also incorporate the documents you submitted into the administrative record, as you have requested.

You will also find attached a copy of the DARP Appendix D, and a revised Cosco Busan Oil Spill: Herring Injury Quantification (for the Administrative Record) which were only recently finalized by the Trustees. We welcome comments from the RP on these documents and the "final" version of the draft DARP, which will be released to the public shortly. The Trustees will respond to any such comments in the final DARP's "Response to Comments" section or in the administrative record, as appropriate.

Again, thank you for your submission on behalf of the RP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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