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Mark Delaplaine California Coastal Commission 45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000 San Francisco, California 94105-2219

Subject:

Cosco Busan Restoration Plan

Dear Mr. Delaplaine:

This letter summarizes and confirms discussions between you and Janet Whitlock of my staff regarding the Cosco Busan Oil Spill Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment ("Restoration Plan"). In the Restoration Plan, the state and Federal natural resource Trustees select a suite of projects intended to restore natural resources injured by the 2007 Cosco Busan oil spill, which occurred in San Francisco Bay. The discussions involved three of the projects selected in the Restoration Plan that may occur within sections of California's Coastal Zone (for purposes of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act or CZMA) that fall within the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission. These are the Muir Beach Dune Enhancement, Farallon Island Nest Site Enhancement Project, and Marbled Murrelet Restoration Project, the details of which are described more fully in the Restoration Plan.

Muir Beach Dune Enhancement - The National Park Service already sought and obtained a consistency determination from the Coastal Commission for this project, which is a part of the Wetland and Creek Restoration at Big Lagoon, Muir Beach. Therefore, no further CZMA review is required.

Farallon Island Nest Site Enhancement Project - A determination for the Farallon Island Nest Site Improvement project is not required. As the project involves replacing nest boxes on Islands under exclusive Federal jurisdiction and will not affect the waters around the Islands, this project falls outside the Coastal Zone.

Marbled Murrelet Restoration Project - This project will be implemented partially within the Coastal Zone. We have forwarded to you the project description, which you have reviewed. You confirmed the Federal Trustees' conclusion that a negative determination pursuant to 15 CFR 930.35 is appropriate based upon the fact that the project will have no adverse effects on the Coastal Zone. Based upon this reasoning, you concurred with the Federal Trustees' negative determination.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Janet Whitlock at (916) 414-6599.

Sincerely,

Daniel Welsh

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