

Department of Fish and Wildlife North Willamette Watershed District Office 17330 SE Evelyn Street (971) 673-6000



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Barry Thom Regional Administrator, West Coast Region National Marine Fisheries Service 1201 Northeast Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100 Portland, OR 97232

RE: Columbia River Basin Section 120(f) and 120 Sea Lion Removals 72-Hour Report

Dear Mr. Thom,

As required under Condition 8(b) of MMPA Section 120(f) and 120 Columbia River Basin Permit, this letter is to notify you of the permanent removal of **three (3)** Steller sea lions and **seven (7)** California sea lions within the Columbia River between River Mile 112 and River Mile 292 and Columbia River tributaries. Information on these individuals and locations/method of action can be found in the table on Page 2.

Since no facilities were authorized by NMFS to take live sea lions at this time, these animals were euthanized according to NMFS-approved IACUC guidelines. Biological samples were collected for later examination and the remaining materials were disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. No request(s) were made for transfer of parts to tribal co-managers.

Sincerely,

Michael Brown Supervising Fish and Wildlife Biologist/Project Leader Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Mammal Program

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John Edwards Columbia River Pinniped Biologist Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Program

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Species	Removal Date	Disposition	Location	ID	aka	Date	Туре	Number
SSL	04/14/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Bonneville Dam*	N/A	EB006	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSL	04/14/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Bonneville Dam*	N/A	ZB001	N/A	N/A	N/A
SSL	04/15/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Bonneville Dam*	N/A	EB007	N/A	N/A	N/A
SSL	04/15/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Bonneville Dam*	N/A	EB008	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSL	04/15/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Bonneville Dam*	N/A	ZB002	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSL	4/13/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Willamette Falls [‡]	N/A	ZW001	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSL	4/13/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Willamette Falls [‡]	N/A	ZW002	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSL	4/13/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Willamette Falls [‡]	N/A	ZW003	N/A	N/A	N/A
CSL	4/13/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Willamette Falls [‡]	U902	N/A	3/18/2015	Brand	W67
CSL	4/15/2021	Euthanized via chemical euthanasia	Willamette Falls [‡]	N/A	ZW004	N/A	N/A	N/A

Description and Relevant Data for Lethally Removed Sea Lion(s)

*Latitude/Longitude: 45.6392, -121.9521 ‡ Latitude/Longitude: 45.3615, -122.6043