



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Southwest Region
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Dear Reviewer:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), will be making available for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for 10(a)(1)(A), Enhancement of the Species Permit Application for the collection and transport of Spring-Run Chinook for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is expected to be published in the *Federal Register* by April 20, 2012.

This EA is for issuance of an Endangered Species Act section 10(a)(1)(A) permit to US Fish and Wildlife Service to collect surplus Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon eggs and juveniles from the Feather River Fish Hatchery to place into the San Joaquin Conservation Facility or enclosed net pens and egg boxes placed within the San Joaquin River.

Written comments on the EA should be directed via mail, fax, or electronic mail to the responsible official identified below by May 21, 2012.

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Enclosure

