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Mr. Curtis E. Melcher
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
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Dear Director Melcher:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your April 24, 2019, letter requesting recognition of the Committee that was formed by the State of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in accordance with section 120(f)(6)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

Section 120(f)(6)(D) of the MMPA provides that the Secretary shall recognize a Committee that includes at least three separate Committee members: a) the State of Oregon; b) The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians or the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, or both; and c) the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs or the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, or both. The five entities listed above have indicated their agreement to join the 120(f)(6)(D) Committee.

I hereby recognize the establishment of the Committee in accordance with section 120(f)(6)(D) as being an eligible entity for the purposes of section 120(f)(6)(A)(iii).

Sincerely,

Barry A. Thom
Regional Administrator

cc: F/WCR-PRD – Chris Yates, Rob Markle, Robert Anderson
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Carl Scheeler, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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