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Dr. William Hogarth
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Dear Dr. Hogarth,


We would like to provide you with the minutes and recommendations from the most recent meeting of the Pacific Scientific Review Group held 16-17 November 2006.

The SRG commends the NMFS for the progress made on research of the Southern Resident killer whale population; projects included tag development for eventual satellite tracking, and biopsies collected for genetics and contaminant studies. The SRG also was pleased to learn that an observer program was initiated to monitor the California setnet fishery in 2006.

The SRG continues to urge that the California/Oregon driftnet fishery Take Reduction Team meet to review the fishery. The SRG is concerned about the lack of any meetings in the last two years, particularly in light of the proposed changes related to sea-turtle closures, proposed experimental longline fishing, and issues about long-term pinger effectiveness for reducing bycatch.

Once again, the SRG compliments your NMFS staff for their excellent presentations, outstanding research, and support of the SRG.

Sincerely,



Michael Scott
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