



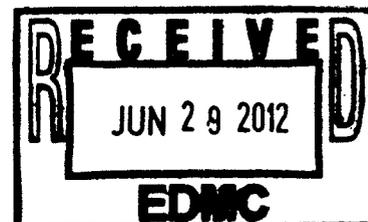
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Re: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Request to Formally Join the  
Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Dear Mr. O'Conner:

On January 23, 2012, technical representatives of the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council received an electronic copy of the Council Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA was initially executed in 1996. The document received January 23 was a revised MOA, which included your signature as senior trustee representative for NOAA. Specifically, the signature block reads:

“The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hereby approves  
the Memorandum of Agreement among the Hanford Natural Resource Trustees.”

Article VI (A) of the MOA provides that the MOA may be amended, “by written agreement of those Trustees.” This letter serves to document our consent to the revised MOA.

The Washington State Department of Ecology, representing Washington State, welcomes NOAA as a voting member of the Trustee Council.

Sincerely,

Polly Zehm  
Deputy Director  
Senior Trustee Representative

cc: Brooklyn Baptiste, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee  
Kate Benkert, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Stuart Harris, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation  
Matthew McCormick, USDOE-RL  
Ken Niles, Oregon Department of Energy  
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