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TO: Steve Tharanger, Chair
Salmon Recovery Funding Board

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SUBJECT: October and November Activities of the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office

Permit Streamlining for Restoration Projects – The US Fish and Wildlife Service, Corps of Engineers, and National Marine Fisheries Service have released a draft programmatic section 7 consultation. They are looking for comments on both the content and the process they are proposing by the end of December. It is their intent to have this completed for use during the 2008 construction season. When this is final, it will complement the Limit 8 coverage we already have from NMFS and complete our coverage of a majority of SRFB funded restoration projects in areas with threatened and endangered listed fish.

Regional Data Integration – We assisted RCO, Ecology, and the Puget Sound Partnership in development of a grant request submitted to US Environmental Protection Agency to create a collaborative Environmental Data Exchange Network for Puget Sound. One of our biggest challenges in developing the State of Salmon Report is assembling data from the many organizations that collect them for purposes specific to their needs. With the obligation of the Puget Sound Partnership to create an action plan that will recover Puget Sound by 2020, there is an urgent need to have access to information that will help us assess our progress in reaching Puget Sound recovery goals. If we receive this grant, we can make significant advances in the development of a system that allows data on fish, habitats, and water quality to be shared and understood at an ecosystem level.