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TO: Management Team
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SUBJECT: Restoration Planning Work Group (RPWG) Activity Report, 6/3-7/91

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6/24-7/5/91

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The Alaska office of The Nature Conservancy submitted a proposal and cost estimate for developing a process for identifying and screening habitats for possible protection. This project, which focuses on habitats located on non-public lands, will be accomplished through a challenge cost-share agreement with the U. S. Forest Service, funded by the EPA.

Recovery Literature Synthesis:

Cooperative agreements for reviewing and synthesizing scientific literature on recovery were signed with Point Reyes Bird Observatory (birds), University of Washington (fish and shellfish), and Hubbs-Sea World Institute (invertebrates and marine mammals). Work has started and drafts of the work products are expected in September and October.

Information Needs for Restoration Litigation Products:

RPWG has tentatively scheduled a meeting on July 30 with members of the State-Federal Legal Team to jointly review information needs to support restoration litigation products.

Restoration Federal Register Notice:

The FR Notice announcing availability of the restoration science study and work plans for 1991 and inviting public comment will be published pending signature.

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Recovery Literature Synthesis:

A meeting was held in Seattle on June 20 with principle investigators reviewing and synthesizing scientific literature on recovery. Institutions entering into cooperative agreements include Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute (invertebrates and marine mammals), Point Reyes Bird Observatory (birds), and University of Washington (fish and shellfish).

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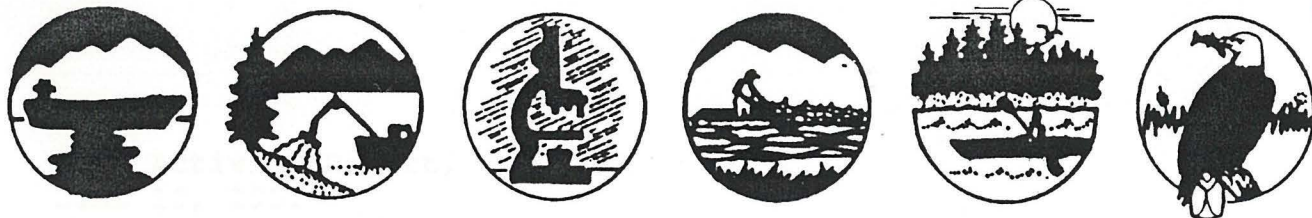
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