

**Date:** 19 August, 2009

**To:** 2-Gates Project Joint Agencies Team

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**From:** Tom Taylor and the rest of the BA Team.

**Re:** **Second Administrative Draft of the 2-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project Biological Assessment Documents**

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The memo serves as the cover letter transmitting the above referenced document. The document is being provided in two PDF versions. One version is the **track changes** version provided with text edits and comments attached to assist you in tracking how your comments were handled. These documents include 'TrkChg' in the filename. A second version is the **clean** version with all edits, revisions and additions accepted into the document. These document include 'Cln' in the filename. You may find it easier to use the **clean** version to provide comments from here forward. Please include the page and line number in your comment. The latest version of the appendices have been included.

As you are all aware, the needs of this Project are dynamic in nature. We have identified several items (listed below) that have not been fully addressed and the details of these analyses have not been fully reviewed and confirmed. We trust that your review of this document will not be significantly constrained with the knowledge that work will continue to progress on them.

- We were not able to generate noise contours for pile driving of king piles, a recent modification to construction techniques.
- We have yet to complete the Delta Passage Model runs to assist in interpreting potential project effects on juvenile salmon and steelhead.
- Several other minor changes to the project description have been incorporated into the project description but not the effects analysis.
- The Science & Monitoring Plan (Appendix C) is in the process of additional development – what is provided is current as of this morning.
- We are not able to fully address all comments or suggestions that have been provided. For example, comments that are of a policy nature are being considered but outside of the scope of the BA. This should not be construed to mean that we have ignored or are going to ignored them.