January 16, 2008

Ms. Dorothy Rice
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Dear Ms. Rice:

Attached please find a copy of the “Pelagic Organism Decline Progress Report: 2007 Synthesis of Results”. This report has been developed by the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) Pelagic Organism Decline (POD) Management Team and has been approved for dissemination by the IEP Coordinators. The IEP Management Team will be presenting a summary of this report verbally at your upcoming Public Workshop on the Pelagic Organism Decline in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary on January 22, 2008.

The major goal of this report is to synthesize the information collected by the POD investigations since they began in 2005. The information used in this synthesis is based primarily on data collected through August 2007.

Although the content of this report is final, it will be processed through the IEP Technical Editor and published as part of the IEP Technical Report Series. At that time, it will be distributed more widely.

We look forward to your consideration of this report at your upcoming workshop.

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