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Mr. Douglas Beach
Endangered Species Coordinator
National Marine Fisheries Service
Environmental Assessment Branch
1 Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

Dear Mr. Beach:

This letter is intended to initiate informal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service to determine if there are any federal endangered or threatened species or critical habitats in the vicinity of the Hudson River PCBs Site, which includes both the Upper and Lower Hudson River, from Hudson Falls to the Battery in New York Harbor. I have enclosed information concerning the site, including maps of these areas, for your review.

In compliance with the mandate of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is requesting a written statement from you indicating whether any endangered or threatened species that are listed or proposed to be listed, may be present in the project area or areas that could be impacted by the remedial action. Please advise us concerning the range of territory covered by any federal endangered or threatened species that may be found in these areas.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robert Witte of my staff at (212) 264-6681. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Hargrove, Chief
Environmental Impacts Branch

Enclosure

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