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300 South Ferry Street
Terminal Island, California 90731

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John L. Sansing
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Dear Mr. Sansing:

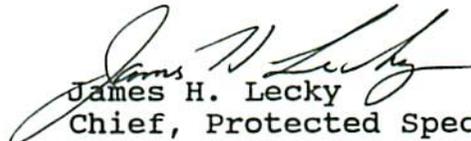
This letter is in response to your request for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to make a determination as to whether any violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act are occurring, relative to the operation of Johnson's Oyster Company (JOC) in Drakes Estero, Point Reyes, California.

It has come to our attention that there are additional, but related concerns surrounding the JOC operation. Therefore, the NMFS has arranged an interagency meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve these concerns. Representatives from the Point Reyes National Seashore, the California Department of Fish and Game, and NMFS (Protected Species and Law Enforcement) will be present. The meeting will be held at 10:00am on December 9, 1991 at park headquarters in Point Reyes.

We wish to thank you in advance for the use of your headquarters to hold this meeting, which is conveniently located near the JOC site. This will be a working meeting, aimed at clarifying the issues and jointly reaching agreement to resolution of any problems identified. We appreciate your contributions to this effort.

If you have further questions regarding the meeting or other issues, please contact Diane Windham of my staff at: National Marine Fisheries Service, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, California 95404; telephone (707) 578-7513.

Sincerely,


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