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SUBJECT: MARCH STATUS REPORT FOR NAPA RIVER FISH MONITORING

Dear Mike:

The following Napa Monthly Status Report summarizes the work conducted in March 2005 for the USACE by the Stillwater Sciences team. An invoice for the level of task completion through March 2005 is being sent under separate cover.

Task 1201 - Database

Data for March sampling will be available on the website following QA/QC.

Task 1203 - Internet Site

The internet site has been established, and access granted to the public. A variety of data queries are available on the web site.

Task 1303 and 1313 - Status reports for early and late March 2005

This March 2005 status report is included on the March 2005 invoice.

Task 1403 - Field sampling for early March 2005

Field sampling in early March occurred on 9 and 10 March 2005. Methods consisted of fyke netting, beach seining, otter trawling, and purse seining.

The beach seine was effectively fished at Sites 1A-4 (north and south end of the SWOA), 1A-3 (marsh plain terrace), 1B-2 (marsh plain terrace), and 2-2 (marsh plain terrace) during the flooding, ebbing, and high tide. The beach seine collected shimofuri goby, threadfin shad, Chinook salmon, and staghorn sculpin.

The otter trawl was fished at SWOA Slough Site 1A-2 and open water Sites 1A-1, 2-1, and 1B-1. The otter trawl collected bluegill, carp, shimofuri goby, inland silverside, striped bass, and threadfin shad.

Fyke nets were fished at Sites 1A-6, 1A-7, and 1A-10, and captured mosquito fish and staghorn sculpin.

The purse seine was fished at Site 3-1 and did not capture fish.

Task 1413 - Field sampling for late March 2005

Field sampling in late March occurred on 23 and 24 March 2005. Methods consisted of fyke netting, beach seining, otter trawling, and purse seining. The beach seine sites collected bluegill, inland silverside, shimofuri goby, threadfin shad, staghorn sculpin, Sacramento splittail, and Chinook salmon.

The otter trawl was fished at SWOA Slough Site 1A-2 and open water river Sites 1A-1, 2-1, and 1B-1. The otter trawl collected inland silverside, shimifouri goby, and threadfin shad.

Fyke nets were fished at Sites 1A-6, 1A-7, and 1A10. Inland silverside, shimofuri goby, Chinook salmon, Sacramento splittail and steelhead were captured at these sites.

The purse seine was fished at Site 3-1 and collected Chinook salmon.

Field data sheets are attached to this status report.

Task 1503 – Data Analysis for early March 2005

Data collected during the early March field trip was Q/C'ed and entered into the database.

Task 1513 – Data Analysis for late March 2005

Data collected during the late March field trip was Q/C'ed and entered into the database.

Upcoming Activities

Field activities for future sampling are on hold, pending a contract modification.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Two extra copies of status report
Data sheets