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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs\*  
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Director, Minerals Management Service  
Director, National Park Service  
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management  
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for  
Funding and Operation of Columbia River Hatcheries in Idaho, Oregon and  
Washington (ER 04/687) (Agency due date: **December 2, 2004**)

The National Marine Fisheries Service has published in the **September 3, 2004**, *Federal Register*, a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft EIS for the subject project. You may access the Notice of Intent on the Internet at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html).

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice by **December 2, 2004**.

Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 9/14/04  
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