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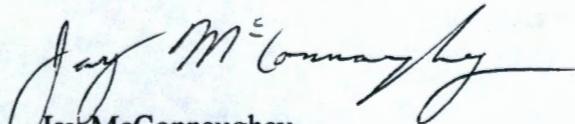
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft document titled *Species for the Screening Assessment, Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment, rev. 0.*

Sincerely,


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Enclosure (2 pages)

Responses

Page, Paragraph	Comment	Resolutions
General, and viii, 2nd paragraph	What document will present the ecological risk assessment equations. Should it be this document or is there one to follow shortly after this document which will present the equations?	
ix, 2nd paragraph	last sentence. please state the title of the document and elsewhere.	
ix, 3rd paragraph	please state who formed the panel.	
General	Figures 1.1 and 1.2 were presented earlier at a CRCIA meeting as biomass movement diagrams. These figures are still biomass diagrams.	
General	Food webs contain decomposers such as fungi/bacteria. Both figures 1.1 and 1.2 lack decomposers.	
General	The two diagrams present the information differently which makes it difficult for the reader to understand them. Examples: the subject headers in fig. 1.1 (such as Vegetation) do not correspond to the legend headers of Fig. 1.2 (e.g. Producer); Are Insectivores considered a secondary or primary carnivore. These inconsistencies confuse the reader. The presentation of the information needs to be consistent from one web to the other!	
General	Another problem with the diagrams is the width of the arrows. This comes from using diagrams which were meant to depict biomass movement. Arrow line width needs to be the same.	
1.2, Fig. 1.1	Riparian food web lacks amphibians and reptiles. Please include.	
1.3, Fig. 1.2	Aquatic food web lacks adult amphibians which feed on insects. Please include.	

1.3, Fig. 1.2	Request deleting northern harrier from the aquatic food web. This species does not prey on shorebirds or larger birds, mainly passerine size birds.	
1.3, Fig. 1.2	Aquatic food web should include bats and swallows which prey on adult insects.	
2.3, last paragraph	Isn't the Hanford Reach also the only major spawning habitat for white sturgeon. Please include in statement.	