UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, we have enclosed for your review the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Lower Duwamish River Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for restoration of injured natural resources in the Lower Duwamish River. The Restoration Plan is part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) for the Lower Duwamish River. The NRDA is being conducted pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), and other applicable laws.

This Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the potential environmental impacts of NOAA and the other natural resource trustee's plans for restoration actions under the NRDA process, to address injuries to natural resources caused by releases of hazardous substances into the Lower Duwamish River, King County Washington. Injured natural resources will benefit from the types of habitat restoration projects proposed in the plan, including listed species such as Upper Willamette Chinook salmon.

A 30-day public review period is being provided upon release of this FEIS. Please send comments to the responsible official identified below. When submitting email comments include the following document identifier in the comment subject line: **Final Lower Duwamish River Restoration Plan EIS**. NOAA is not required to respond to comments received during the agency's 30 day review period as a result of the issuance of the FEIS. However, comments received within this 30 day period will be reviewed and considered for their impact on issuance of a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will be made publicly available after it is issued. A printed copy may be requested from Rebecca Hoff (see below).

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