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The State of Oregon has completed the draft *Conservation Plan for fall Chinook Salmon in the Rogue Species Management Unit, working draft July 2011* (Plan). The Plan was prepared by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) with input and guidance from technical and stakeholder teams. The Plan will serve as ODFW's conservation plan for the Species Management Unit (SMU) under the Native Fish Conservation Policy (NFCP).

The State respectfully requests a review of this Plan by the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team (IMST). Independent peer review of all conservation and recovery plans is required by the NFCP and desired by ODFW. The IMST review will be helpful in assessing the scientific and technical underpinnings of this document. The approach that IMST has used in reviews of other conservation plans should be helpful in your review of this Plan. As indicated in email correspondence, the State respectfully requests IMST review of the Plan as soon as Sept. 30, 2011 and at the latest by end of October, 2011. The final IMST review comments will be addressed in the finalized Plan, expected to be adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at a later date.

In previous reviews of conservation plans, IMST review committees have requested some guidance on specific aspects of plans for which the State and ODFW would like an in-depth review. Although we welcome your comments on all aspects of the plan, we are particularly interested in your perspectives and critique of the approach to, and assessment of the population models and PVA. Much of the background material regarding the population models are in Appendix F.

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We are providing the Plan to IMST in pdf format. If hardcopies, CD's, or other file formats are desired, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for providing independent science review of this document. Please contact me ([david.jepsen@oregonstate.edu](mailto:david.jepsen@oregonstate.edu); 541-757-5148) if you have questions or concerns during this review process. For questions about the draft document, please contact Tom Satterthwaite ([tom.d.satterthwaite@state.or.us](mailto:tom.d.satterthwaite@state.or.us); 541-474-3145) or Russ Stauff ([russell.p.stauff@state.or.us](mailto:russell.p.stauff@state.or.us); 541-826-8774)

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