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SUBJECT: Appointments to the Technical Advisory Committee

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) is pleased to announce appointees to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to assist in a scientific literature review related to anadromous salmonids and forest management practices in California. The TAC members are well renowned subject matter experts, and will oversee the literature review and guide scientific interpretations of the review findings for the Board. The Appointees include the following:

Ms. Charlotte Ambrose, Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa. Ms. Ambrose is the North Central California Coast Recovery Domain Coordinator and is responsible for the development of federal recovery plans for Chinook, coho salmon and steelhead. She is currently the NMFS liaison to the Board of Forestry and has been working on forestry issues for NMFS since 1999.

Dr. Marty Berbach, Wildlife Biologist, California Department of Fish and Game, Sacramento. Dr. Berbach is the DFG liaison for forestry practices, has worked on forestry issues since 1991 and is currently specializing on forest bio-politics.

Mr. Pete Cafferata, Forest Hydrologist, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento. Mr. Cafferata, a Registered Professional Forester, is the lead staff person for the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Monitoring Study Group, which has developed several programs to evaluate the effects of timber operations on water quality in California.

Dr. Ken Cummins, Professor Fishery Biology, Humboldt State University, Arcata. Dr. Cummins is the Co-Director, Institute for River Ecosystems, and Senior Advisory Scientist for the California Cooperative Fishery Research Unit.

Dr. Brian Dietterick, Professor Hydrology and Watershed Management, California Poly State University, San Luis Obispo. Dr. Dietterick is the Director of the Swanton Pacific Ranch of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Dr. Cajun James, Principal Research Scientist for Sierra Pacific Industries, Whitmore. Dr. James is conducting long term watershed research studies in the Sierra Nevada and Southern Cascades to determine the effectiveness of different riparian buffer characteristics on biological diversity, near stream microclimate, and water quality.

Mr. Gaylon Lee, Senior Engineering Geologist, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento. Mr. Lee is the SWRCB liaison for forest and rangeland practices, and has worked on forestry issues since 1986. He led initiation of the State's program to monitor implementation and effectiveness of non-Federal forest practices.

Mr. Gary Nakamura, TAC Chair, Forestry Specialist, University of California Cooperative Extension, Redding. Mr. Nakamura is the Co-Chair of the CDF Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group, and serves forest landowners, professional foresters and resource managers, teachers, students, and interested publics with an array of forestry education programs. Mr. Nakamura is Registered Professional Forester.

Dr. Sari Sommarstrom, Watershed Scientist, Sari Sommarstrom & Associates, Etna. Dr. Sommarstrom has consulted on a variety of watershed subjects since 1976, with one specialty being in sediment-related effects and mitigations.

Dr. Kate Sullivan, Manager of Hydrology and Aquatic Sciences, Pacific Lumber Company, Scotia. Dr. Sullivan leads the watershed science and monitoring programs on Pacific Lumber Company lands in Northern California.

Dr. William Trush, CEO and Senior Ecologist, McBain & Trush Inc., Arcata. Dr. Trush is an adjunct professor to the Humboldt State University Fisheries Department, directs a stream restoration plan for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and is a member of the County of Humboldt Extraction Review Team.

Dr. Michael Wopat, Senior Engineering Geologist, California Geological Survey, Redding. State-registered Professional Geologist, State-Certified Hydrogeologist and Engineering Geologist (CEG). Dr. Wopat has been the CGS member of the Redding Inter-Agency THP Review Team since 1999, focusing mainly on issues related to geomorphology (mass movement and erosion) and hydrology.

The work of the TAC will be essential to the Board in creating an efficient, balanced, and comprehensive regulatory framework for protection of anadromous salmonids. I would like to thank the TAC members in advance for their willingness to serve, and look forward to their valued contributions. For more information on the TAC, scientific literature review, and regulatory amendments, please contact our Executive Officer, George Gentry or see our web site:

http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board/board_proposed_rule_packages.aspx

(See: Threatened or Impaired Watersheds (T/I), 2006 Tech. Docs. and Letters)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Dixon", written over a horizontal line.

Stan L. Dixon
Chair