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Mr. Craig Wingert
Fishery Management Specialist
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501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200
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Subject: Inquiry Regarding Determination Whether Petitioned Action is Warranted

Dear Mr. Wingert,

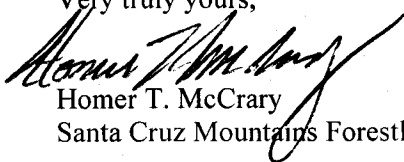
On November 6, 2003 I submitted to your office a petition to redefine the southern extent of the Central California coho ESU. On September 17, 2004 you courteously forwarded me the NOAA Fisheries Santa Cruz Laboratory's technical review of my petition and informed me that "the Region will make a determination whether the petitioned action is warranted and then prepare a notice for publication in the Federal Register no later than November 6, 2004." As the technical review was gravely flawed, I submitted a detailed response to your office on October 19, 2004 and a corresponding addendum on October 25, 2004.

To date I have received no communication as to the status of my petition, nor have I been able to find any notice regarding my petition in the Federal Register.

What is the status of my petition?

Please send a written response via mail, fax, or email.

Very truly yours,



Homer T. McCrary
Santa Cruz Mountains Forestland Owner

cc: Rodney McInnis, Regional Administrator