

Note to: FERC Docket No. CP17-494-000 and CP17-495-00

From: John Peconom, Project Manager

Date: July 14, 2020

Subject: NMFS Response to Request to Reinitiate Formal Consultation for
the Jordan Cove Energy Project

In the attached letter dated July 1, 2020, the National Marine Fisheries Service responded to Commission Staff's June 23, 2020 request to reinitiate formal consultation per the Endangered Species for the Jordan Cove Energy Project.



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Refer to NMFS No.: WCRO-2020-01741

July 1, 2020

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Re: Insufficient information for reinitiation of Formal Consultation for the Jordan Cove LNG Import Terminal and Pacific Connector Pipeline Project, Southwest Oregon (FERC Docket Nos. CP17-494-000 and CP17-495-000)

Dear Mr. Martin:

On June 30, 2020, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) received a letter from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the above-referenced project. Your letter included a description of a project modification and requested NMFS reinitiate formal consultation under section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act.

In telephone conversations between John Peconom (FERC) and Chuck Wheeler (NMFS), FERC has indicated you will be initiating conversations with us and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on discussing potential additional mitigation to offset the new effects of the project modification. Until these conversations are completed, we will not have a complete proposed action and cannot fully assess the effects of the project modification. Please submit this additional information once developed and we will initiate consultation. We have also developed a table of your proposed modification (Attachment 1). To ensure accurate consultation, please fill in this table and return to us.

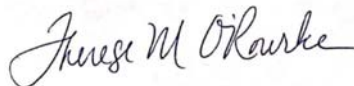
Your project modification also constitutes a substantial revision under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA, 50 CFR 600.920(1)). When the above additional information is developed, you are also required to reinitiate EFH consultation under section 305(b)(2) of the MSA.

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If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please call Chuck Wheeler, fisheries biologist in the Oregon Coast Branch of the Oregon/Washington Coastal Office, at 541.957.3379.

Sincerely,



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Attachment 1. Table clarifying the number of waterbody crossings and the number of streams the pipeline is adjacent to but does not cross.

		Previous Proposed Route (Blue Ridge)			New Project Modification (Blue Ridge Variation)		
		Coos Bay HUC5	Coquille River HUC5	North Fork Coquille River HUC5	Coos Bay HUC5	Coquille River HUC5	North Fork Coquille River HUC5
Perennial Streams	Crossed						
	Adjacent to						
Intermittent Streams	Crossed						
	Adjacent to						
OC Coho Salmon Streams	Crossed						
	Adjacent to						

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