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To "Sims, John A" <John.Sims@bnsf.com>  
 cc <blodgett@stb.dot.gov>  
 bcc  
 Subject Re: Railroad Abandonment in Olympia, WA; AB-6 (Sub. No. 440X)

ET-2006

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John,

As I explained to Richard Batie, this is the type of information that is needed for BNSF and the Surface Transportation Board to make a "no effect" determination for species listed under the Endangered Species Act. However, that is your determination. If you make a "no effect" determination, our concurrence is not required.

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<p>&lt;john_grettenberger@fws.gov&gt;          &lt;John.Sims@bnsf.com&gt;,            in Olympia, WA; AB-6 (Sub.          PM</p>	<p>"Sims, John A"          &lt;John.Sims@bnsf.com&gt;            12/01/2006 12:33</p>	<p>To:            cc: "Sims, John A"            &lt;blodgett@stb.dot.gov&gt;          Subject: Railroad Abandonment            No. 440X)</p>
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John,

Please see messages below. If this resolves the concerns of the FWS please reply as such so that we can clear the condition with the STB and move forward with salvaging the rail line.

Per your request, I am cc:ing Ken Blodgett with the STB.

Thanks,  
 John Sims, Paralegal  
 BNSF - Law Dept  
 Fort Worth, TX  
 (817) 352-2376

From: Batie, Richard A

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 8:06 AM  
To: Sims, John A  
Cc: 'Liz Waite'  
Subject: FW: Confidential

John,

This information indicates that there are no eagle nests within 1/4 mile of the Olympia, WA Trackage #1 or other endangered or threatened species.

Please forward to the appropriate contact.

Rich Batie

From: David Hanna [mailto:dhanna@ci.olympia.wa.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 4:25 PM  
To: Batie, Richard A  
Subject: FW: Confidential

Rich-Here is the email as promised. It would be wonderful if this info would suffice because getting a map from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife could take a while. I will look into on your behalf but this should get you started. David

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd Stamm  
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 11:33 AM  
To: David Hanna  
Subject: Confidential

With regard to the area in the vicinity of West Bay Drive, I've reviewed the priority habitat and species maps provided to us by the State dated March of 2006. These maps and info indicate:

- 1) The entirety of the area along the shore is identified as an estuarine zone, a state-priority habitat.
- 2) Much of this same area except some of the northern portion is also a "regular shorebird concentration," also a state priority habitat.
- 3) Schneider Creek is identified as having coho salmon, an anadromous fish, and thus a state priority habitat (not species).
- 4) Purple Martin boxes on the eastern shore of West Bay are identified because purple martins are a 'state candidate' species.
- 5) A great egret siting prior to 1982 is noted. The great egret is a state monitor species, but not a priority species.
- 6) The general Olympia waterfront is identified as a "seabird colony," including pigeon guillemot, which once was a priority species.

No federally endangered species were noted. The coho salmon is a federal "species of concern."

These are not "sensitive" species for purposes of the City's confidentiality agreement with the Department, so you may share this info with the landowner.

Todd Stamm

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