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Subject Contact for NMFS

Christa, It was nice talking to you this morning. According to 50 CFR 402.14 any federal agency is required to consult with NMFS if their action may affect listed species or critical habitat. You said abandoning the bridges requires a license which is a federal action. Because parts of the bridge are creosote treated lumber, creosote leaches contaminants for decades after installation, and the bridges are located within designated critical habitat, I believe a may affect determination is warranted.

Here is the contact information for my State Director, the one you would direct consultation to:

Kim Kratz Director  
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If you have any questions, please call or write!

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