

Exhibit H

**Oregon Conservation Strategy and
Oregon Nearshore Strategy Revision Process**

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received as of
August 6, 2015**

July 21, 2015

Subject: Comments to include sea otters as a strategy species

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Respectfully,

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Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:26 PM

To: Audrey.C.Hatch@state.or.us

Subject: Let's revive the sea otter population!

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From: Carol Sampson [c6sampson@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 5:38 PM

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Subject: Comments to include sea otters as a strategy species

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Sea otters are probably one of the most engaging ocean wildlife species and very popular to our coastal visitors. They are a critical keystone species and beloved to Oregonians who wish to see them once again flourish off our shores.

My husband and I have spent time in Morro Bay, CA and we know what a draw the sea otters are to tourists. Morro Bay features sea otters in much of its advertising, to great effect. We take much delight in watching the sea otters when we are there.

We were dismayed to see that the website for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife – the state agency charged with protecting and enhancing all of Oregon’s fish and wildlife – fails to even mention sea otters on its list of Oregon wildlife species (even though they are listed as threatened under the State’s endangered species law).

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From: Jan Nelson [nellie.jan@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 10:35 PM

To: Audrey C Hatch

Subject: Re: Comments to include sea otters as a strategy species

an excellent area for reintroducing the sea otter is the kelp beds between the Heads Wayside State Park in Port Orford and Cape Blanco. the shoreline rocks are full of mussels and sea urchins were plentiful enough to be exported until the diver drowned a few years ago. The shoreline around the headlands is difficult to access; so it provides safety from human interference. please feel free to contact me if you want help with this issue. thanks,

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Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2015 3:19 PM

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Subject: SEA OTTER Comments to include sea otters as a strategy species

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