

Record of Conversation

Subject: Columbia Generating Station License Renewal Environmental Review – Consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service

These calls took place on November 28, 2011. The following personnel participated:

NRC: Daniel Doyle

NMFS: Ritchie Graves

Summary of Discussion:

Daniel Doyle contacted Ritchie Graves regarding the NRC's consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for the Columbia Generating Station License Renewal Environmental Review. Mr. Doyle asked about the status of NMFS's response to the NRC letter dated August 23, 2011 (ADAMS Accession Number ML11165A023). He noted that the NRC had already received a letter from NMFS dated October 24, 2011 (ADAMS Accession Number ML11307A393), but that the letter only addressed the NRC's biological assessment but did not address the NRC's essential fish habitat assessment.

Ritchie Graves acknowledged that the NMFS letter dated October 24, 2011, failed to address the NRC's essential fish habitat assessment. He stated that NMFS believes that the concerns expressed in the October 24, 2011, letter about the biological assessment are identical to the concerns for the essential fish habitat assessment. He also stated that the resolution of the concerns about the biological assessment would likely resolve NMFS concerns about the essential fish habitat. NMFS does not intend to send another letter addressing the essential fish habitat assessment.