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**Re: Independent Science Review of the “*Evaluation of Key Assumptions Underlying Analyses of Delta Smelt Survey Data*” Proposal**

Dear Dr. Connor and Mr. Winternitz:

The Delta Science Program is pleased to provide you with three independent science reviews of the “*Evaluation of key assumptions underlying analyses of Delta smelt survey data*” proposal. The independent science reviews were conducted by Dr. James J. Anderson, Dr. Kenneth Rose, and Dr. Don L. Stevens via a mail-in review process. These science experts were selected for their expertise and reputation concerning fisheries ecology, population biology, and environmental statistics.

The transmittal of these reviews fulfills a request from the Collaborative Adaptive Management Team (CAMT) Delta Smelt Scoping Team (DSST). The Delta Science Program was pleased to assist in the process of evaluating the scientific integrity and quality of the proposed directed research under the CAMT process. Detailed information on this and other reviews conducted by the Delta Science Program can be found on the [Delta Science Program website](#).

If there are questions about the review, or the overall process, please contact Martina Koller, Senior Environmental Scientist, Delta Science Program, at (916) 445-5838.

Sincerely,

Peter Goodwin, Ph.D.  
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Delta Stewardship Council

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*“Coequal goals” means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.”*

– State Water Code §85054

Enclosure

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