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Jerry Vogt
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
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Dear Mr. Vogt:

You submitted comments on ponds filed under ORS 537.407 (HB 2153) or under ORS 537.405 (HB 2376). These laws provided an opportunity for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to comment on how a specific reservoir(s) will cause significant detrimental impacts to an existing fishery resource and allowed members of the public to comment on how the reservoir(s) will cause an injury to an existing water right(s). Based upon review of your comments, the Department prepared notices of proposed mitigation conditions. A notice was mailed to each of the registrants along with a copy of your comments. The registrants were provided an opportunity to submit additional information to the Department explaining how your comments were in error.

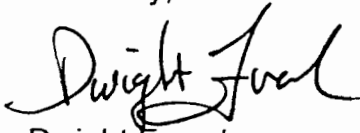
The Department received the attached rebuttals to your comments. If you do not agree with a rebuttal and believe that your comments are still valid, please send a written response to the Department identifying why you disagree with the rebuttal and affirming your position. However, if you agree with the rebuttal you need not respond, unless you determine that it is necessary. In order for us to issue a mitigation order within 180 days of receiving your comments, we need to have your response(s) received by the Department no later than January 7, 1998. If you need an additional day or two to look further at a couple of ponds, please send a request, attention to the appropriate file number.

If you choose to respond, the Department will determine whether a Mitigation Order is required based upon your response and the rebuttal submitted by the registrant. The Mitigation Order, if required, will identify any conditions that must be met in order to protect the fishery resource and/or existing water rights and for the reservoir to be authorized.

If no response to a rebuttal is received, the Department will conclude that you agree with the rebuttal and that a Mitigation Order is not necessary.

If you have any questions, please me at (503) 378-8455, extension 268, or toll free within Oregon at 1 (800) 624-3199.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwight French". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dwight French
Water Rights Manager

Enclosures: Your Comments
Proposed Mitigation Conditions
Rebuttal from Registrant
Copy of Notice of Exempt Pond or Certificate and Map