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Mr. Randall B. Luthi
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Luthi:

This letter is in response to your May 14, 1992 request for the appointment of a single designated natural resource trustee under Section 1006 (b) (3) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA).

For purposes of OPA, I am designating the Department of Ecology as chair of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Team, to serve as that lead trustee. It should be noted that Ecology, as chair of natural resource trustees under state legislation, will serve as the entity to transmit natural resource decisions based on the concurrence of each of the state's natural resource trustees. Additionally, Ecology, through the natural resource damage committee, shall be responsible for coordinating development and implementation of restoration, rehabilitation, replacement and acquisition of equivalent natural resources.

As you requested, this information is being forwarded to Ms. Linda B. Burlington at the U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, Office of the General Counsel. If you require further information or assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Booth Gardner
Governor

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cc: Chuck Clarke, Director, Department of Ecology
Bob Nichols, Office of the Governor
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