

Pacific Seabird Group



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Anne Badgley
Regional Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Eastside Federal Complex
911 N.E. 11th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97232-4181

Re: Initial Assessment of East Sand Island, Oregon, as a National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Ms. Badgley:

On September 26, 2000, on behalf of the Pacific Seabird Group (PSG), I wrote to request that the Service take steps to acquire and manage East Sand Island as a national wildlife refuge. We provided information concerning the populations of seabirds that breed or use that island, and suggested that acquiring East Sand Island is well within the objectives on the National Wildlife Refuge System and the Region 1's seabird policy. We offered to provide our assistance to achieve this goal.

On November 9, 2000 you responded that the Service would "complete the initial assessment of East Sand Island in 2 to 3 months" to determine if the project has sufficient merit to proceed with detailed planning. Could you please let me know what the status of the initial assessment is, now that almost 3 months have elapsed?

PSG is an international organization that was founded in 1972 to promote knowledge, study and conservation of Pacific seabirds. PSG draws its members from the rim of the entire Pacific Basin, including the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, and Russia. Among PSG's members are biologists who have research interests in Pacific seabirds, state and federal officials who manage seabird populations and refuges, and individuals with

interests in marine conservation. Over the years we have advised and worked cooperatively with government agencies to further these interests.

Sincerely,

Craig S. Harrison
Vice Chair for Conservation