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To: Claire Schary/R10/USEPA/US@EPA,

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Claire please forward to Helen. I do not have her address. Thanks.

Helen, Great to meet with you this AM. I am running in between meetings. This draft is just a start for you. We originally wrote it for Oregon so please modify as needed. Thank you. I will be in touch.

Date:

Chief David White

Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Conservation Innovations Grant Program

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Re: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality support for The Willamette Partnership Conservation Innovation Grant proposal

Dear Chief White,

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality strongly supports The Conservation Innovation Grant proposal, *Joint Regional Guidance for Water Quality Trading*, submitted by the Willamette Partnership in close partnership with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Washington Department of Ecology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 and The Freshwater Trust.

Washington Department of Ecology supports innovative mechanisms for improving water quality and creating revenue to fund watershed restoration. As further demonstration of our commitment to guiding innovative solutions, the agency issued a Water Quality Trading Framework in 2008.

As Director, I see value in consistent quality standards, transaction procedures and common accounting infrastructure applied to water quality trading programs throughout the Pacific Northwest. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency and the states of Oregon, Idaho and Washington have separate water quality trading guidance. Approval of this grant would allow the states to develop consistent regional guidance, including state-specific appendices, with Environmental Protection Agency approval. With funds from this grant award, I am committed to designating appropriate agency staff to work with Idaho, Washington and the Environmental Protection Agency to develop an agreed-

upon, standard approach.

I encourage you to support funding of this grant to develop an aligned, consistent trading program for the region, which may also serve as a model for other regions in the country.

Sincerely,

Director

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