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Dick Vander Schaaf Associate Coast and Marine Conservation Director The Nature Conservancy of Oregon 1634 SW Alder St, Portland, OR 97205

Re: ODFW Support for Kilchis Porter Tract Restoration

Mr. Vander Schaaf:

Thanks for the opportunity to review the draft restoration designs for the Kilchis Porter Tract Restoration Project. The purpose of this letter is to confirm our continued support of your effort to enhance or create over a mile of new tidal channels and plant the area with native tidal wetland plant species. We are happy to attest that the project is consistent protection of fish and wildlife habitat and will lead to a clear net benefit to fish and wildlife resources of the upper Tillamook Bay estuary.

Feel free to call me at 503.842.2741 x223 if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris Knutsen District Manager ODFW – North Coast Watershed District