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To Natalia Novikova, Head of the ForSea Solutions consulting company

## Intentions of PCF Yuzhno-Kurilsky Ryibokombinat Co., Ltd. to fulfill Action #7 of the FIP Workplan in 2023-2025

## **Action #7 Enhancement information**

Action Goal: Demonstrate that relevant information is collected and assessments are adequate to determine the effect of enhancement activities on wild stock(s).

We hereby inform you that in order to fulfill the activities under Action7 of the FIP Comprehensive Workplan, the company undertakes to continue work on the otolith marking of chum salmon eggs placed at the Lagunnoye Lake Salmon Hatchery for further identification of "hatchery" fish.

In the 2021-2022 fish-breeding season, experimental marking was carried out to study the possibility of high-quality work in the conditions of the Lagunnoye Lake Salmon Hatchery. Marking was carried out by the "dry" method at the stage of egg incubation. On June 30, 2022, 2.227 million marked juvenile chum salmon were released, the average weight of which was 1.043 grams; with a mark: 1.3n,1H.

Employees of the otolithometry sector of the SakhNIRO Salmon Laboratory assessed the work carried out as unsatisfactory and recommended the continuation of these works in the "experimental" mode. One of the reasons for poor-quality marking is that in the conditions of the Lagunnoye Lake Hatchery, a mark with a longer "drying" period is needed.

Taking into account the recommendations of SakhNIRO, in 2023 we plan to carry out similar work and release 7 million juvenile chum with an otolith marker of 4.2H.

In 2024-2025 and subsequent years, we plan to increase the release of marked fish, as well as conclude an agreement with scientific institutions to determine the share of "hatchery" fish in the total catch of Kunashir Island. These activities also allow us to review management decisions to develop measures to preserve the "wild" chum salmon population that reproduces in Lagunnoye Lake.

Best regards,

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