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The Northwest Area Contingency Plan, Puget Sound Area Contingency Plan, and Columbia River Area Contingency Plan continue to undergo updates and transitions. As we evaluate and adjust the existing governing bodies, relationships, and planning processes to reflect the needs of all the Pacific Northwest partner agencies and interests, it is crucial to recognize efforts to update and enhance existing tools, policies and procedures outlined in applicable Area Contingency Plans.

The below enclosures are promulgated to supplement the Northwest Area Contingency Plan, Puget Sound Area Contingency Plan, and Columbia River Area Contingency Plan. The enclosures promulgated here include information on general authorities and responsibilities, doctrine and policy for oil and hazardous materials incident response, multi-agency response organizational structures, and specific incident response expectations. The enclosures are intended to complement the current and future Federal, Tribal, State, and local oil and hazardous materials spill contingency plans. These are living documents, and subject to periodic review and updates to ensure continuous improvement. Pursuant to Section 311 (j)(5)(D)(i) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(j)(5)(D)(i), Section 300.211 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, and applicable State statutes and regulations, all facility and vessel contingency plans must be consistent with applicable Area Contingency Plans, including the updates herein.

These enclosures are tools intended to be used during a response and are effective immediately. The incorporation of these enclosures should be reflected on a record of changes within all applicable Area Contingency Plans. This letter and its enclosures serve as an interim step to formally adopt those products and documents until comprehensive updates to plans are completed and signed.

The specific portions of the Northwest Area Contingency Plan (2020) that are updated include the following:

- Section 3200: Wildlife Response Task Force
- Section 9202: JIC Manual Task Force
- Section 9210: Liaison Manual Task Force
- Section 9301: Best Management Practices
- Section 9310: Wildlife Response Task Force
- Section 9330: Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Task Force

- Section 9404: ESA Compliance Guide
- Section 9404: ESA Consultation Form and Process Flowchart

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