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**Re: Cooper Lake Hydroelectric Project  
May 16-17 Meeting to Discuss 2002 Data Collection Efforts**

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the schedule and other logistics for the mid-May meeting to discuss data-collection efforts for 2002 to support relicensing studies in 2003. Preliminary notice of this meeting was sent out on April 23. After further coordination with agency representatives regarding availability to participate in this meeting, we have determined that the best overall timing for this meeting to fit participants' schedules is the **mornings of May 16 and 17.**

As noted in the April 23 letter, Chugach, HDR Alaska (contractor to Chugach for the relicensing environmental studies), and Long View Associates (lead relicensing consultant) are planning this meeting as a workshop-type discussion with agency resource experts to obtain guidance on appropriate "baseline-type" data-collection efforts for 2002. The goal of the 2002 data-collection efforts is to ensure that the necessary foundation is in place to conduct studies in 2003. Formal scoping of relicensing studies will all relicensing participants will take place in the fall, after issuance of the Initial Consultation Package (ICP), mid-July public meeting / site visit, and 60-day official comment period on the ICP.

For this mid-May meeting, we are planning to focus the discussion for each session on particular resource areas, to try to best accommodate the availability of agency resource experts for key resource areas. The planned schedule and primary resource areas of discussion for this meeting are as follows:

- **Session 1: May 16, 8:30 A.M. to Noon.** The resource-area focus for this session will be on terrestrial resources, recreation resources, cultural resources, land use, and aesthetic/visual resources.
- **Session 2: May 17, 8:30 A.M. to Noon.** Session 2 will focus on fish/aquatic resources, hydrology, and water quality.

While we appreciate that schedules and other commitments may not allow full participation in both sessions, we welcome and encourage interested meeting participants to attend both sessions, as their schedules allow.

Following this meeting, Chugach will be developing data-collection plans for 2002 and will make those plans available on the relicensing web site ([www.chugachelectric.com](http://www.chugachelectric.com)).

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.

Both meeting sessions will be held at Chugach's main office, located at 5601 Minnesota Drive in Anchorage. The meeting will be held in the Chugach Training Room. Assistance in locating the conference room will be provided at the Security Desk inside the main building entrance.

Please RSVP to let us know if you will be attending, and which session(s) you plan on attending. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss potential 2002 data-collection efforts with you as an initial step toward resource studies for the Cooper Lake Project relicensing.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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**MEETING NOTICE**

**Meeting Topic:** Discussion of potential “baseline-type” data-collection efforts for 2002, to ensure that the necessary foundation is in place to conduct studies in 2003

**Participants:** Chugach, HDR Alaska resource area leads, Long View Associates, agency resource experts, other interested agency/organization representatives and individuals

**Location:** Chugach main office: 5601 Minnesota Drive, Anchorage  
— Chugach Training Room

**Date/Time:** Session 1. Thursday, May 16, 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon  
(Focus for this session will be on terrestrial resources, recreation resources, cultural resources, land use, and aesthetic/visual resources.

Session 2. Friday, May 17, 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon  
(Focus for this session will be on fish/aquatic resources, hydrology, and water quality)

*NOTE:* Participants are welcome and encouraged to attend both sessions, as their schedules allow.

**Please RSVP by May 10 to:**

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