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Mr. Scott Wagner  
Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
1308 Sawmill Creek Rd  
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

A hatchery permit alteration request (PAR) was received on April 10, past the 2018 deadline of February 15. The request by the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) is to add the Keta River Chinook salmon broodstock to the Hidden Falls Hatchery (HFH) permit to allow for a new broodstock development program to begin in 2018.

The request states that NSRAA and the Little Port Walter Hatchery (LPWH) propose working on the Keta River Chinook salmon broodstock development program cooperatively, and that eggs may be available from returns to LPWH in August 2018. The circumstance considered to be extraordinary is the availability of eggs at the LPWH based on the forecasted returns and that the LPWH is the only other facility rearing this stock.

Keeping with the nature of this cooperative Chinook salmon broodstock development endeavor, I will accept the PAR for review to be considered in this calendar year. The department will review it and a determination will be made based on the review recommendations.

If you require further information, please contact Lorraine Vercessi, PNP Hatchery Program Coordinator, at (907) 465-6423.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Cotten".

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

ecc: Lorraine Vercessi, PNP Hatchery Program Coordinator, ADF&G