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July 18, 2006

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lupher
Epicenter Aquaculture
HC 61 Box 3016
Challis, Idaho 83226

RE: Water Rights Application Comments

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lupher:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") has reviewed our existing water quality information near your proposed project site identified in Application 72-07577 through 72-07580.

The Department does not have any information regarding Warm Springs Creek near your facility. We would encourage you to use only the water appropriated by these applications and allow as much water as possible to travel downstream.

The Department also suggests any outlets be screened according to local Fish and Game specifications.

We do not have any other substantive comments at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 208.528.2650 for additional information we may be able to provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Saffle".

Troy Saffle
Regional Water Quality Manager
Idaho Falls Regional Office

c: Shelly Keen, IDWR
Marti Bridges, IDEQ
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