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Bruce Smith
225 North 9th Street
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Boise, ID 83702

RE: Epicenter Aquaculture

Dear Mr. Smith:

Prompted by your letter dated 11/9/2000 our office has reviewed the applications filed by Epicenter Aquaculture. As you may know Epicenter Aquaculture has filed three applications for permit (72-07577, 72-07578 & 72-07580) and one application for transfer (T5647).

Our records indicate that all applications have been advertised except 72-07580. This application is being held due to the Wilderness Moratorium.

Our records indicate that Alfred Morganroth has filed timely protests to and paid the required protest fee for all applications except 72-07580. Since 72-07580 has not been advertised no deadline to file a protest has been established.

Your recent letter will be placed in the file for application 72-07580 however it is not being considered a formal protest pursuant to the "Rules of Procedure". If you wish to file a formal protest you should wait until the application is advertised and file a protest before the advertised protest deadline. If you absolutely wish to file a protest now, you may, but processing of this application appears to be dependant on numerous factors and it may never be processed.

To file a formal protest please complete the enclosed protest form and return it with the required \$25.00 fee. Note that you also need to send a copy to the applicant.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Allen Merritt'.

Allen Merritt, PE
Southern Region Manager