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Patty,

I am writing in support for Innovative Project proposal #200752400 by Smith-Root. I have been supportive of this project since its inception and would encourage its funding. If there is a potential to discourage predation by seals and sea lions on ESA-listed salmon we should invest in that technology. Other efforts to discourage predation have not worked and the only option is to kill animals. Not only is that an unsatisfactory outcome of our efforts to recover salmon from a public relations angle, it may be unnecessary if this demonstration proves to be effective.

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