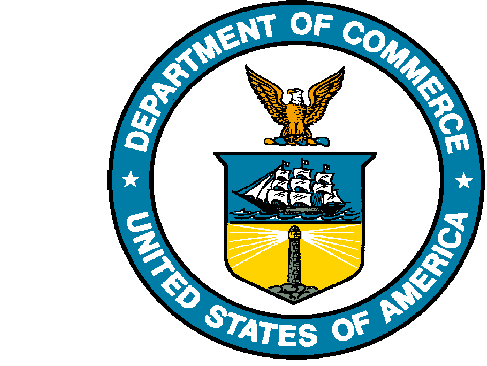
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Dear Editor:

We are pleased to have the opportunity to resubmit our paper, *Differential impacts of freshwater and marine covariates on wild and hatchery Chinook salmon marine survival*, by Brandon Chasco and other co-authors for consideration for publication in PLOS One. We have addressed the four minor comments from the reviewer and addressed the formatting issues identified by the editor. We believe this manuscript is greatly improved with these revisions and we look forward to your decision.

Additionally, we were asked to address the following funding and conflict of interest issues directly in the cover letter:

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