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RE: ESSLOG #22496, Crystal City/Potomac Yard Interim Transit Improvement Project.

Dear Mr. Del Guidice:

This letter is in response to your request for information related to the presence of threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of the above referenced project.

**This project area is adjacent to and crosses the Potomac River and Fourmile Run that are designated Confirmed Anadromous Fish Use Areas. The following anadromous and semi-anadromous species have been documented: Alewife, striped bass, blueback herring, yellow perch, American shad, and hickory shad. Therefore, the applicant should coordinate with the VDGIF Environmental Services Section (804-367-6913) concerning potential impacts to this resource.**

A block survey of an area encompassing the project site documented the presence of the *federal and state threatened* bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) during breeding season. These species may occur at the project site if appropriate habitat exists, but no coordination is necessary at this time.

The *state special concern* bridle shiner has been documented in the Cameron Run, less than 0.75 miles from the southernmost boundary of your project site. The classification of *state special concern* is not a legal designation and does not require further coordination.

In addition, please note that this project area is within two miles of U.S. Department of the Army properties, Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer Military Reservation, and Cameron Station Military Reservation as well as National Park Service properties George Washington Memorial National Parkway and Arlington House National Historical Site.

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There is a processing charge of \$25.00 for our response. Please remit a check, made payable to **TREASURER OF VIRGINIA**, within 30 days. To insure proper credit to your account, please address your payment envelope directly to MaryBeth Murr at the address listed in the letterhead.

Information about fish and wildlife species was generated from our agency's computerized Fish and Wildlife Information System, which describes animals that are known or may occur in a particular geographic area. Field surveys may be necessary to determine the presence or absence of some of these species on or near the proposed area. Also, additional sensitive animal species may be present, but their presence has not been documented in our information system.

Endangered plants and insects are under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Plant Protection. Questions concerning sensitive plant and insect species occurring at the project site should be directed to Keith Tignor at (804) 786-3515.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Natural Heritage Program, maintains a database of natural heritage resources, including the habitat of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, unique exemplary natural communities, and significant geologic formations, that may contain information not documented in this letter. Their database may be accessed from <http://www.dcr.state.va.us/dnh/nhrinfo.htm>, or by contacting S. Rene Hypes at (804) 371-2708.

This letter summarizes the likelihood of the occurrence of endangered or threatened animal species at the project site. If you have additional questions in this regard, please contact me at (804) 367-8001.

Please note that this response does not constitute consultation or management recommendations regarding endangered or threatened wildlife, or any other environmental concerns. These issues are analyzed by our Environmental Services Section, in conjunction with interagency review of applications for state and federal permits. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Environmental Services Section at (804) 367-6913.

*Please note that the data used to develop this response are continually updated. Therefore, if significant changes are made to your project or if the project has not begun within 6 months of receiving this letter, then the applicant should request a new review of our data.*

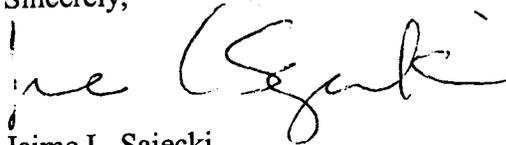
The Fish and Wildlife Information Service, the system of databases used to provide the information in this letter, can now be accessed via the Internet! The Service currently provides access to current and comprehensive information about all of Virginia's fish and wildlife resources, including those

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listed as threatened, endangered, or special concern; colonial birds; waterfowl; trout streams; and all wildlife. Users can choose a geographic location and generate a report of species known or likely to occur around that point. From our main web page, at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov), choose the hyperlink near the top of the page titled "Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service". For more information about the service, please contact Shirl Dressler at (804) 367-6913.

Thank you for your interest in the wildlife resources of Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaime L. Sajecki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jaime" being more prominent and the last name "Sajecki" following in a similar style.

Jaime L. Sajecki  
Wildlife Biologist

cc: R.T. Fernald, VDGIF  
R. Hypes, VDCR-NH

**Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries  
Wildlife Diversity Division  
Environmental Response Invoice**

<b>Date of Response:</b>	June 7, 2006	
<b>EssLog Number:</b>	22496	
<b>Project Name:</b>	Crystal City/Potomac Yard Interim Transit Improvement Project	
<b>Name of Respondent:</b>	Jaime L. Sajecki	
<b>Name of Recipient:</b>	Stephen J. Del Giudice	
<b>Company Affiliation:</b>	DMJM Harris	
<b>Company Address:</b>	2751 Prosperity Ave, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22031	
<b>Recipient Phone #:</b>	703-645-6800	
	<b>Total Hourly Charges:</b>	\$ 25.00
	<b>Total Map Charges:</b>	\$ -
	<b>Diskettes and Copying Charges:</b>	\$ -
	<b>Total Other Charges:</b>	\$ -
	<b>Total Due:</b>	\$ 25.00

Please make checks payable to the **Treasurer of Virginia**.

Payment should be returned to:

Mary Beth Murr  
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries  
Wildlife Diversity Division  
4010 West Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23230-1104

Questions concerning payment should be directed to the respondent above in the Fish and Wildlife Information Section at (804) 367-6913

**Please include a copy of this invoice with payment to ensure proper crediting of your account.**

