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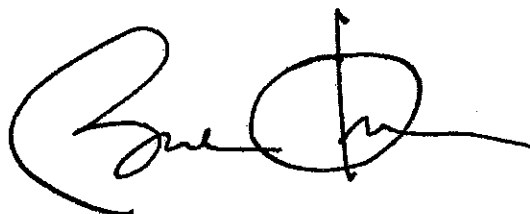
Dear Madam Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget amendments for the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Justice, and State and Other International Programs, as well as the District of Columbia. Also included are amendments to general provisions included in Title VI of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2009. These amendments would not affect the totals in my FY 2010 Budget.

In addition, this transmittal contains an FY 2010 amendment for the Legislative Branch. As a matter of comity and per tradition, this appropriations request for the Legislative Branch is transmitted without change.

The details of these requests are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "George W. Bush". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a circular flourish around the "W".

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau: NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
ADMINISTRATION
Heading: Operations, Research, and Facilities
FY 2010 Budget
Appendix Page: 214-215
FY 2010
Pending Request: \$3,087,537,000
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: \$3,087,537,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, add the following to the first paragraph directly before the ending period:)

: Provided further, That of the amounts provided herein, \$61,000,000 shall be available for Species Recovery Grants for the conservation and recovery of threatened or endangered marine species, of which \$50,000,000 shall be transferred to "Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery"

This amendment would clarify that funding for Pacific salmon recovery is included in the sums made available for the new Species Recovery Grant program. The proposed Budget totals would not be affected by this amendment transferring funds to the "Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery" account.