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Dear Ms Berry:

This letter summarizes observations of *Nereocystis luetkeana* presence/absence in 1992 at sites in South Puget Sound during SCUBA surveys of young-of-year rockfish habitat by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). These observations were recorded in dive logs maintained by Dan Doty and myself.

We noted *Nereocystis* presence at:

- Squaxin Island (large bed at southern tip)
- Brisco Point (occasional bulbs)
- Devils Head (patches to the northeast of the point)
- Tacoma Narrows eastern shoreline from bridge to Day Island
- Fox Island (patches from Fox Point to Gibson Point)

We did not observe *Nereocystis* at:

- Toliva Shoal
- Itsami Ledge
- Steamboat Island
- Eagle Island (west side)
- Ketron Island (north point)

Sincerely,

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