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Betsy Hohenstein
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Dear Ms. Hohenstein:

I am pleased to inform you that the Salmon River Restoration Fort Covington Dam Removal Team has been selected to receive a 2009 Coastal America Partnership Award for outstanding efforts to restore and protect the coastal environment.

This award emphasizes the significance of your restoration accomplishments and contributions to the objectives of Coastal America. The award recognizes your team's efforts that led to the removal of the Fort Covington Dam, reestablishing access to more than thirty-five miles of the Salmon River.

Please notify your team of the award. A Coastal America Principal, representing the President of the United States, will present the award to the team at an appropriate venue. Ms. Carli Bertrand (202-401-9922) is the coordinating point of contact from the Coastal America Washington, DC office. She will be in contact with you regarding the planning for the ceremony. In the mean time should you become aware of an upcoming event that could be used as a forum to present this award please notify Ms. Bertrand.

I congratulate you and the Connecticut Tidal Wetland Restoration Partnership Team on your accomplishments and thank you for being an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,

Virginia K. Tippie
Director

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