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RE: Gateway Pacific Terminal Proposal - Major Project Permit (MDP2011-00001), Zoning Variance (VAR2012-00002), and Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SHR2011-00009)

Dear Gentlemen:

This letter is written on behalf of Pacific International Holdings LLC (PIH) with respect the above-referenced permit applications. As you know, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) denied PIH's application for Federal permits to allow the construction of the Gateway Pacific Terminal project as described in the March 18, 2016 Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application until impacts to treaty fishing rights can be resolved. We are currently considering various alternatives including challenges to the USACE decision and modifications to the proposed project to further reduce environmental impacts. In the meantime, we do not wish to continue processing an environmental impact statement for the applications listed above, since elements of the project may change. In light of that, PIH hereby withdraws the above-referenced applications. PIH is not withdrawing, abandoning or waiving any other rights it may have with respect to its property. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me and we will arrange either a meeting or a telephone conference.

Sincerely,

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CC: Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive
Sam Ryan, Director Whatcom County Planning and Development Services
Royce Buckingham, Civil Prosecuting Attorney