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April 11, 2016

Bree Turner
NOAA Office for Coastal Management
7600 Sand Point Way, 2079A
Seattle, Washington 98115

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Activity Undertaken by a Federal Agency
Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan 2016-2020
Skagit County, Washington

Dear Ms. Turner:

On February 21, 2016, Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) submitted a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP).

The proposed federal activity includes approval of an updated reserve management plan for 2016-2020. The plan provides a strategic approach for the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) to move forward with administrative, research/monitoring, education, and stewardship activities over the next five years. It also addresses the reserve's land acquisition approach and facilities management. Padilla Bay NERR is located at 10441 Bayview-Edison Road, Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Washington.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with NOAA's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination please contact Erin Hanlon Brown at (360) 407-6415.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by



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Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

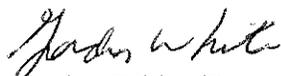
- File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

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Sincerely,



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