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Michelle Walker, Chief
Department of the Army
Corps of Engineers
Seattle District, Regulatory Branch
P.O. Box 3755
Seattle, WA 98124

Dear Ms. Walker:

RE: **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reference #NWS-2007-167-NO**
Skagit Drainage 5-Year Maintenance Plan Project, Martha Washington Creek, Flowers Creek, Maddox
Creek, Big Ditch Slough, and Unnamed Tributaries, Skagit County, Washington

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.60, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Drainage and Irrigation District #17 are writing to advise you of the status of Ecology's review of the Skagit Drainage 5-Year Maintenance Plan project Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program.

Drainage and Irrigation District #17 filed its application with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Ecology. Public notice on the application was issued for the application on March 9, 2007. Ecology received the CZM statement from Drainage and Irrigation District #17 on March 14, 2007. The statutory six-month review period commenced to run and will expire September 13, 2007. At this time, Ecology has notified Drainage and Irrigation District #17 that CZM Consistency can not be granted until the shoreline permit from Skagit County and Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) are issued. The applicant does not have sufficient time to obtain the shoreline permit and WQC before our six-month deadline. Ecology and Drainage and Irrigation District #17 have agreed to extend the CZM review period until the applicant can obtain a shoreline permit from Skagit County and Ecology can issue CZM Consistency.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Rebekah Padgett of the Department of Ecology at (425) 649-7129 or Keith Morrison, at (360) 661-1568.

Sincerely,

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Department of Ecology

Keith Morrison
Drainage and Irrigation District #17

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cc: Randel Perry, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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