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Dear Ms. Anne Dettelbach,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Stormwater Control Transfer Program. The Port of Tacoma (Port) appreciates Ecology's effort to provide opportunities and flexibility for Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permittees to implement innovative technologies and treatment that will provide the best water quality benefit throughout the Port and Commencement Bay.

The Port is committed to environmental stewardship and we are happy to present our comments. The Port was issued the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (Permit) as a Secondary Permittee in 2007. Many of the Port's tenant and customers are also covered under the Permit.

The Port has been building a robust Municipal Stormwater Management Program and is very interested in providing water quality improvements where they are most needed and would deliver immediate environmental benefit particularly when the land uses are industrial-maritime related. However, the Draft Stormwater Control Transfer Program document does not address applicability to Port-owned properties.

The Port requests clarification on applicability to ports in an effort to participate in this program and include the program in our Stormwater Management Guidance Manual.

Respectfully,

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