

Planning, Programs and Project
Management Division

Ms. Christine Valentine
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Dear Ms. Valentine:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, proposes to perform work affecting the coastal zone of the State of Oregon. In accordance with Section 307(c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, we hereby submit our consistency determination for your review and action.

The proposed action is to deepen the Columbia River Federal Navigation Channel from its current authorized 40-foot depth to a maximum depth of 43 feet based on the recommendations in the *Final Integrated Feasibility Report for Channel Improvements and Environmental Impact Statement* dated August 1999 and the *Draft Supplemental Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement* dated July 2002. The proposed action involves both dredging and disposal affecting the coastal zone as described in the enclosed consistency determination.

Federal regulations contain time limits for state action on federal consistency determinations, as well as provisions for extending the time. We understand from recent conversations between our respective staffs that the state may require additional time beyond the minimum provided under the regulations. We are prepared to continue these discussions in order to reach agreement on a reasonable period of time for state action.

Our point of contact for this process is Mr. Bob Willis, Chief, Environmental Resource Branch at (503) 808-4760.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Hobernicht
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

Enclosure