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Reply to
Attention of:

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Planning and Engineering Division

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Dear Ms. Trimpert:

Thank you for the information provided in your memorandum of July 2, 1998, outlining Clatsop County review uses and plan amendments for actions proposed in the Columbia and Lower Willamette River Dredged Material Management Plan/SEIS (DMMS/SEIS). As you were informed in a subsequent conversation with Mr. Steve Stevens of my staff, Federal regulation precludes our agency from applying for a permit from the county; however, in lieu of a permit application, we are providing the following information to comply with the substantive requirements of the permits.

Your memorandum states that construction of pile dikes at Miller Sands will require a review use (a Type II process that is a staff decision). The DMMS/SEIS, along with our Coastal Zone Consistency Determination, provided to your office, contains all of the information requested in the review use application form.

The memorandum further states that designation of disposal site O-34, which is located in an AC-2 zone will require a text amendment and map amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The expansion of the existing disposal site at Miller Sands (within the CS zone) from 98 acres to 151 acres would likewise require text and map amendments. The text and map amendments would require Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners approval. The DMMS/SEIS and Consistency Determination provided to you, address all of the applicable planning elements outlined in the map and text amendment forms and more specifically described in your memorandum.

In order for our agency actions to be in compliance with the local comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances we request your assistance in initiating the following actions with Clatsop County on our behalf:

- a. A review use decision process for construction of pile dikes at Miller Sands.
- b. The text and map amendment process with Clatsop County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners for changing a 42-acre area adjacent to Welch Island from Aquatic Conservation 2 zone to Conservation Shoreland zone and designating it as a dredged material disposal site. The site has been used for dredged material disposal for more than 10 years and has converted the 42-acre aquatic area to uplands. Although the disposal activity has been reviewed in Corps public notices and environmental documents, identified as Corps disposal site O-34, it

has not been formally recognized as a disposal site in the Clatsop County Plan. This action is requested as an after the fact designation to formally recognize this area as a disposal site and to update the county plan.

c. The text and map amendment process with Clatsop County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners for expanding the existing disposal site CC-S-23.5 at Miller Sands from the presently designated 98 acres to 151 acres. This would, in effect, replace site CC-B-23.1 currently designated in the plan. This action is considered necessary to address the proposed change in disposal practice from primarily beach nourishment to primarily upland disposal. The proposed pile dike construction at this location would stabilize the site allowing for the expanded area for upland disposal.

Your assistance in expediting the review and amendment process is greatly appreciated. Please call Steve Stevens at (503) 808-4768 if you have any questions and/or to advise him of the next steps required for the amendment process.

Sincerely,



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