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Planning, Programs and Project
Management Division

Ms. Christine Valentine
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Dear Ms. Valentine:

Thank you for your letter dated September 23, 2002, indicating the additional information necessary under 15 CFR 930.41(a) for your agency to deem our Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency determination for the Columbia River Channel Improvement Project to be complete. We have revised our consistency determination to more specifically address Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 496 – Wildlife Laws. We have coordinated our evaluation on Lower Columbia River coho with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. This evaluation has been added to the revised consistency determination transmitted herein. We acknowledge the connection between CZMA and our Clean Water Act Section 401 application submitted to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, is proposing to deepen the Columbia River Federal Navigation Channel from its current authorized 40-foot depth with advanced maintenance to 45-foot, to an authorized depth of 43-foot with advanced maintenance to 48-foot 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 Final SEIS is expected to be released to the public no later than January 30, 2003. The proposed action involves both dredging and disposal within the State of Oregon.

In accordance with Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, we hereby submit our revised consistency determination for your review and action. We request that you respond to our consistency determination between February 20 and March 7, 2003, depending on the release of our Final SEIS. In accordance with your recent request, we are also including a copy of our complete submittal to the Washington Department of Ecology, pertaining to water quality certification and coastal zone consistency determination.

Please contact Mr. Bob Willis, Chief, Environmental Resource Branch at (503) 808-4760 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Richard W. Hobernicht
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

Enclosures

1. CZMA Determination
2. WDOE submittal