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 DEPT OF PLANNING &
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**RE: No Historic Properties Affected Determination
 Strawberry Plant Park Shoreline Restoration Project
 City of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County**

Dear Dr. Whitlam:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the results of the investigations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations in 36CFR800 concerning whether historic properties are present that may be affected by the implementation of the Strawberry Plant Shoreline Restoration Project. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), together with the Natural Resource Trustee Council for the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor settlement and the City of Bainbridge Island, are proposing a shoreline restoration project at the Strawberry Plant Park. The park is located on the in the back reaches on the north side of Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island, at N47.625° W122.531°. A description of the project and the Area of Potential Effects (APE) was previously provided to your office in a letter dated April 22, 2009.

NOAA consulted with the Suquamish Tribe, the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the City of Bainbridge Island, the Bainbridge Island Historic Preservation Commission, and the Bainbridge Island Historical Society, among others, to obtain information to aid in the evaluation of whether there are properties within the APE that meet the eligibility criteria for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Northwest Archaeological Associates, Inc. (NWAA) was hired to conduct archival research and an archaeological resources field investigation of the site. In this effort, NWAA reviewed published information on historic and traditional use of the area, evaluated previous investigations conducted within the APE, monitored new exploratory geotechnical probes conducted by Aspect Consulting, considered information provided by consulting parties, and conducted an archaeological field investigation of the site. NWAA considered the input of consulting parties before concluding that no additional investigations were needed in order to finalize their report on the project area.

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The Strawberry Plant vicinity is associated with historical events that were important in the economic development of Bainbridge Island, including a boat repair yard that operated in the early 1900s and a strawberry cannery and wharf complex that operated from the early 1920s to the beginning of World War II. Some physical remnants of the boatyard may occur beneath fill in the northern portion of the APE and a marine railway that may be related to the boatyard operations is in the intertidal zone in the central portion of the APE. The strawberry cannery building and wharf were destroyed in a 1997 fire.

As indicated in the enclosed NWAA report, their professional opinion is that the landforms and other materials within the APE lack the integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and association necessary for eligibility for the National Register.

Our conclusion is that there will be "no historic properties affected" by proposed construction activities, based on the conclusions of professional archaeologists and design of the project. Archaeologists concluded that the APE contains no properties that meet the criteria for eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The project is designed to avoid disturbance to native soil deposits below post-World War II fill that may have archaeological materials. Per the request of the Suquamish Tribe, the Tribe will work with agencies and professional archaeologists to prepare a construction monitoring plan and a plan for inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources and human remains. Professional archaeologists will monitor construction excavation to minimize effects to undiscovered archaeological resources that may occur at the surface of native soil deposits below post-World War II fill. Contractors and site supervisors will follow other management recommendations made in the NWAA report.

We hope for your concurrence in these findings. Concurrence will be assumed if we do not receive written comments within 30 days. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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