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June 17, 2009

Mr. John Kern, Restoration Ecologist  
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RE: Determination of No Historic Properties Affected  
Section 106 Consultation Process, National Historic Preservation Act  
Strawberry Plant Park Shoreline Restoration Project, City of Bainbridge Island  
Suquamish Tribe Reference: 09-06-11-01

Dear John,

Thank you for continued consultation with the Suquamish Tribe regarding the Strawberry Plant Park Shoreline Restoration Project, on the north shoreline of Eagle Harbor, in the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington. The project area is within the Adjudicated Usual & Accustomed Fishing Area of the Suquamish Tribe and is in the heartland of Suquamish Ancestral Territory. The Suquamish Tribe is committed to protecting significant cultural resources, especially hunter-fisher-gatherer archaeological resources and traditional cultural areas of the Suquamish Ancestors. The Tribe also is a steward of natural resources, involved in protecting and improving shoreline habitat important to survival of fisheries resources used by all people living in the Puget Sound Region.

I reviewed a wide range of information relevant to the proposed shoreline restoration project, including: an updated cultural resources assessment prepared by Northwest Archaeological Associates, Inc.; information in a National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for the project vicinity prepared by Gerald Elfendahl; a report on the project area geomorphology prepared by Coastal Geological Services, Inc.; a report prepared by Maurice Major, archaeologist for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources; geotechnical studies; proposed project 30 % Design Plans; documents delineating the project Area of Potential Effects; aerial photographs; and, historic records. I also walked the project area multiple times.

I understand that NOAA, the Trustee Council, the City of Bainbridge Island, the Suquamish Tribe, and professional archaeologists will 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.

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I concur with the NOAA determination of No Historic Properties Affected.

Thank you again for consulting the Suquamish Tribe regarding cultural resources issues as the Strawberry Plant Park Shoreline Restoration Project moves forward.

Sincerely,



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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe  
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