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Regulatory Branch

November 18, 2021

The Honorable Steve Edwards
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
11404 Moorage Way
LaConner, Washington 98257-9450

Reference: Regional General Permit 6
Request for Water Quality
Certification

Dear Chairman Edwards:

On November 17, 2021, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) published a public notice announcing the proposed re-issuance of Regional General Permit (RGP) 6 for Structures in Inland Marine Waters of Washington State. This letter and the attached Joint Public Notice and proposed RGP-6 Text serves as the Corps' request for Water Quality Certification (WQC) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the proposed RGP that may result in a jurisdictional discharge into the waters of the United States within the State of Washington (State) lands. We are requesting WQC under the 1971 401 regulations.

The Corps believes the proposed RGP-6 may comply with the applicable water quality standards. However, the Corps recognizes that in some cases it may be necessary to add conditions to address water quality standards. We are available to work with you to develop such conditions to include in the final RGP-6.

We are asking that you begin your review and approval process at this time and take a final position on WQC within 180 days from the date of this request (May 17, 2022). Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. We remain available to discuss issues or proposed conditions you may be considering for the RGP. We look forward to working with your office in the near future. A copy of this letter with enclosures will be furnished to Mr. Todd Mitchell at tmitchell@swinomish.nsn.us and Ms. Nicole Casper at ncasper@swinomish.nsn.us.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kylie Webb at kylie.m.webb@usace.army.mil or Ms. Kristina Tong at (206) 764-6913 to arrange a virtual meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina H. Tong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'T' at the end.

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Enclosures