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Columbia River Crossing

Dear Mr. Strickler,

Thank you for your quick response to our request for your input on the public comments. We greatly appreciate your continued efforts and cooperation during our evaluation of the Columbia River Crossing bridge permit application.

We have identified a number of critical documents which we will need by 31 August 2013 in order for the Coast Guard to complete its evaluation of your bridge permit application by 30 September. As we continue our evaluation, and continue our adjudication of the public docket and public meeting comments for the record, additional information or events, to include clarification of responses provided in the comment matrix, may be required potentially causing further adjustment to the schedule. The current list of outstanding documents we need to remain on target for our national dashboard permit decision timeline includes:

1. The final water quality certification (WQC) from both states;
2. The Biological Opinion resolving obligations under Section 7 of the ESA;
3. Coastal Zone Management consistency certification from Washington State;
4. Complete plan sheets for the proposed bridge, including the approach dimensions; and
5. Final mitigation agreement status.

Due to the compressed timeline for completion of your bridge permit application, any delay in receipt of required information will have to result in an adjustment in the timeline per the provisions in Paragraph 6 of the Statement of Protocols. This adjustment is needed in order to provide sufficient time for us to conduct required notifications as well as to continue processing your application.

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If any information contained in the application has changed, is no longer valid, or should you decide to withdraw the application for resubmission at a later time, I ask that you please advise the Coast Guard immediately. My staff stands ready to assist if you have any questions or require any additional information.

I thank you again for your cooperation and your efforts.

Sincerely,



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