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**Re: Parking Lot Construction Concurrence Letter, 20 Butler Street Property**

- **Site:** Bank of Pacific Property
- **Address:** 20 Butler Street, Cathlamet, Washington 98612
- **Facility ID#:** 61774897
- **Cleanup Site ID#:** 6381

Dear Fred Johnson:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed your letter of June 7, 2021, regarding the construction of a parking lot at 20 Butler Street property. Ecology understands that, pursuant to the Town's Resolution No. 394-20, the Town of Cathlamet (Town) has decided to continue the present use of the property as a parking lot (with some improvements) instead of developing the property as a "pocket park" as previously planned. The proposed improvements include the construction of 14- parking spaces with one electric vehicle charging station. The parking lot is being constructed on the uncontaminated area of the property.

A small pocket of petroleum-contaminated soil is present at 6 to 10 feet depth below the existing six-inch thick retaining wall (located at the eastern edge of 20 Butler Street property), and below the adjacent Bank of Pacific's parking lot at 58 Main Street. Ecology understands that a five-foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed as per Washington State Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, flush against the existing retaining wall to cover and protect the area from any disturbances. Ecology also understands that per State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA); and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-800(b)(iv), this action is categorically exempt from SEPA (parking lots for twenty or fewer automobiles not associated with a structure). However, Ecology appreciates the Town's decision to make the Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) threshold determination, and published its decision in the Wahkiakum County EAGLE on June 3, 2021.

Since the proposed parking, lot is being constructed within the clean area of the property, and the construction of a five-foot wide concrete walkway flush against the retaining wall to cover the contaminated soil present below the retaining wall, Ecology believes that the parking lot construction will not have any adverse impacts on either the human health and the environment. Therefore, Ecology is hereby concurs with the proposed construction of the parking lot at 20 Butler Street property.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 999-9603.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Balaraju", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Panjini Balaraju, P.E.  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
Southwest Regional Office

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