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Mr. John Keeling Washington State Department of Ecology **Toxics Control Program** 3190 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, Washington 98008

Reference: NWS-2012-538

Washington State

Department of Ecology (Northlake Shipyard)

Dear Mr. Keeling:

We have reviewed your application to dredge approximately 10,000 cubic yards to remove accumulated sand blast sediment, and to cap the clean-up area with six inches of sand, in Lake Union at Seattle, Washington. Based on the information you provided to us, Nationwide Permit (NWP) 38, Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste (Federal Register February 21, 2012, Vol. 77, No. 34), authorizes your proposal as depicted on the enclosed drawings dated May 23, 2012.

In order for this authorization to be valid, you must ensure the work is performed in accordance with the enclosed NWP 38, Terms and Conditions and the following special conditions:

a. You must implement and abide by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) requirements and/or agreements set forth in the Biological Evaluation, Northlake Shipyard Sand Blast Grit Dredging, Interim Action, dated May 23, 2012, in their entirety. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) concurred with a finding of "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" based on this document on September 18, 2012 (USFWS Reference No. #: 01EWFW00-2012-I-0349). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concurred with a finding of "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" based on this document on October 1, 2012 (NMFS Reference Number 2012/03544). Both agencies will be informed of this permit issuance. Failure to comply with the commitments made in this document constitutes non-compliance with the ESA and your U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit. The USFWS and NMFS are the appropriate authorities to determine compliance with ESA.

b In order to meet the requirements of the ESA and for the protection of Puget Sound Chinook salmon, Puget Sound steelhead trout, and Coastal/Puget Sound bull trout, you may conduct the authorized activities from October 1 through April 15 in any year this permit is valid. You shall not conduct work authorized by this permit from April 16 through September 30 in any year this permit is valid.

We have reviewed your project pursuant to the requirements of the ESA, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. We have determined this project complies with the requirements of these laws provided that you comply with all of the permit general and special conditions.

We are unable to determine whether or not your project requires individual Water Quality Certification (WQC) and/or a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) consistency determination response from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). Before you may proceed with the work authorized by this NWP, you must contact Ecology regarding these requirements at: Washington Department of Ecology, Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7660; email: ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov; or (360) 407-6068.

If more than 180 days pass from when you provide Ecology a copy of this letter and request your individual WQC and CZM consistency determination concurrence review, your requirement to obtain an individual WQC and CZM consistency determination response becomes waived. You may then proceed to dredge.

Lake Union is a water of the United States. If you believe this is inaccurate, you may request a preliminary or approved jurisdictional determination (JD). If one is requested, please be aware that we may require the submittal of additional information to complete the JD, and that work authorized in this letter may <u>not</u> occur until the JD has been completed.

Our verification of this NWP authorization is valid for two years from the date of this letter, unless the NWP is modified, reissued, or revoked prior to that date. If the authorized work has not been completed by that date, please contact us to discuss the status of your authorization. Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this NWP verification invalidates this authorization and could result in a violation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. You must also obtain all State and local permits that apply to this project.

Upon completing the authorized work, you must fill out and return the enclosed *Certificate of Compliance with Department of the Army Permit* form. Thank you for your cooperation during the permitting process. We are interested in your experience with our Regulatory Program and encourage you to complete a customer service survey form. This form and information about our program is available on our website at www.nws.usace.army.mil select "Regulatory Branch, Permit Information", then "Contact Us". A copy of this letter with

enclosures will be furnished to Mr. Chris Poulsen; Hart Crowser, Inc.; 1700 Westlake Avenue N, Suite 200; Seattle, Washington 98109. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at suzanne.l.anderson@usace.army.mil or at (206) 764-3708.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Anderson, Project Manager

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Enclosures







