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Re: Ecology Acceptance of Change in the Commencement Bay Record of Decision as Proposed in the ESD

- **Site Name:** Commencement Bay Nearshore Tideflats
- **Site Address:** Commencement Bay, Tacoma, Pierce County, WA 98402
- **Facility/Site No:** 42
- **Cleanup Site No.:** 3032

Dear Ms. Koch:

After reviewing the *Explanation of Significant Difference for the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site Operable Unit 02, Asarco Tacoma Smelter Facility and Slag Peninsula* (ESD, July 2018), the Washington State Department of Ecology agrees with and accepts the change in the Commencement Bay Record of Decision as proposed in the ESD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 407-6241 or rebecca.lawson@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Peter Striplin, Ecology (via email)
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