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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest  
Attention: Dr. Robert Senner, LWI/SPE EIS Project Manager  
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Dear Dr. Senner:

We have reviewed the Navy's July 2016 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land-Water Interface and Service Pier Extension at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor. Our review was conducted in accordance with the EPA's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. (EPA Region 10 Project Number: 13-008-DOD).

In our April 2015 comments on the Draft EIS, we agreed with the Navy's identified environmentally preferable alternatives - Alternative 3 for the Land-Water Interface Project and Alternative 2 for the Service Pier Extension Project. We also supported and continue to support the EIS's identification of these alternatives as the agency preferred alternatives.

Our 2015 comments stated that we have ongoing environmental concerns for unavoidable adverse impacts to fish, wildlife and humans from pile driving noise; loss of marine habitat including eelgrass; and loss of upland vegetation for roads and buildings. To help address our concerns, we recommended additional information on how compensatory mitigation ratios required by the Hood Canal Coordinating Council's In-lieu Fee program account for risk and uncertainty associated with temporal loss, and inclusion of permitting and consultation terms and conditions in the Final EIS. The Final EIS is responsive to our recommendations.

Note that the EPA will participate on this project as a member of the Inter-agency Review Team. We remain concerned about difficulties locating available compensatory mitigation sites to offset aquatic resource impacts in Hood Canal.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and if you have any questions please contact me at (206) 553-1601 or by electronic mail at [littleton.christine@epa.gov](mailto:littleton.christine@epa.gov), or you may contact Erik Peterson of my staff at (206) 553-6382 or by electronic mail at [peterson.erik@epa.gov](mailto:peterson.erik@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine B. Littleton".

Christine B. Littleton, Manager  
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