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**Tetra Tech
Seattle, WA 98101**

Frank Gifford, Public Works Director
Jefferson County
Department of Public Works
P.O. Box 2070
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: Jefferson County Port Hadlock General Sewer and Wastewater Facility Plan September 2008

Dear Mr. Gifford:

Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.48.110 and Chapters 173-98 and 173-240 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and on behalf of the Department of Ecology (Ecology), the above referenced General Sewer and Wastewater Facility Plan has been reviewed and is hereby:

- Approved as an Engineering Report, and
- Conditionally approved as a Facility Plan, pending completion of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation. We expect to issue a final Facility Plan approval once the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have completed consultation.

One copy of the approved document is being returned for your records.

Please notify us immediately of any proposed changes or revisions to the approved document. You will need to propose any such changes or revisions in the form of addenda, technical appendices, or supplemental reports to the original, approved documents and we will need to approve the changes.

If you are applying for Ecology financial assistance for FY2010, you will need to:

- Submit your funding application to the Water Quality Program Financial Management Section by October 31, 2008, and
- Submit your Biological Assessment (two copies) by December 12, 2008.

We will not award financial assistance for design or construction until EPA and the Services have completed the ESA consultation and we have approved your report as a facility plan.

For the wastewater collection and treatment project described in this report, Ecology has made a preliminary determination that the construction project, as proposed is 100 percent eligible for a State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (SRF) loan. The estimated construction cost is \$27.3 million. This determination is based on our conclusion that the design flow is within the projected 20-year eligible design flow allowed under the SRF Program.

This preliminary determination is provided as a courtesy for your financial planning and is based on the current *Water Quality Program Funding Guidelines*. Ecology's financial hardship criteria established in Chapter 173-95A WAC and program guidance must be met in order to be considered for grant assistance. Future versions of the guidelines are subject to changes which may alter these determinations. Actual grant and/or loan offers will be based upon Ecology's final eligibility determinations.

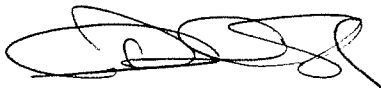
This approval shall not relieve the owners of this facility from any responsibilities or liabilities as a result of noncompliance with the reclaimed water permit during operation of facilities approved herein. Please note that this review and approval authority is limited to assuring compliance and consistency with the appropriate rules, regulations, guidelines, planning and design criteria, terms of a grant or loan agreement, and/or other similar documents. You, as owner, and your engineer retain full responsibility for the technical completeness, accuracy and adequacy of this document, for obtaining other required permits and approvals, and for compliance with environmental laws and regulations during the design, construction and operation of the proposed facilities.

Plans and specifications for the project described in this approved report must be submitted and approved prior to start of construction in accordance with WAC 173-240-030. Plans and specifications which deviate from the approved report will not be approved unless the report is so amended and approved.

Nothing in this approval shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal, state or local statutes, ordinances or regulations.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Dave Dougherty, P.E., Facility Manager at 360-407-6278 or ddou461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Garin Schrieve, P.E.
Southwest Region Manager
Water Quality Program

Enclosure

cc: Kevin J. Dour, P.E., Tetra Tech, Inc. Seattle
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