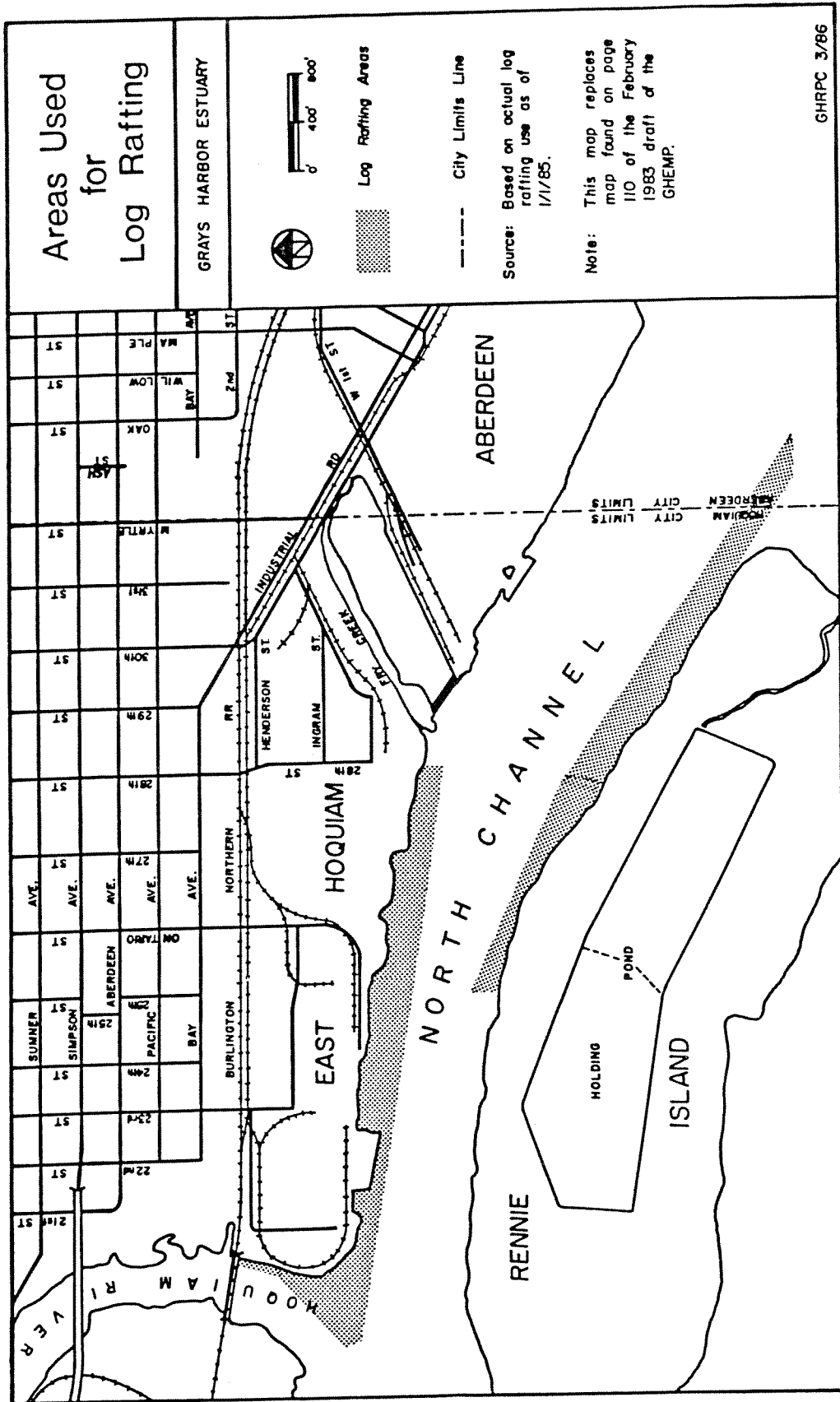


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AREAS USED FOR LOG RAFTING

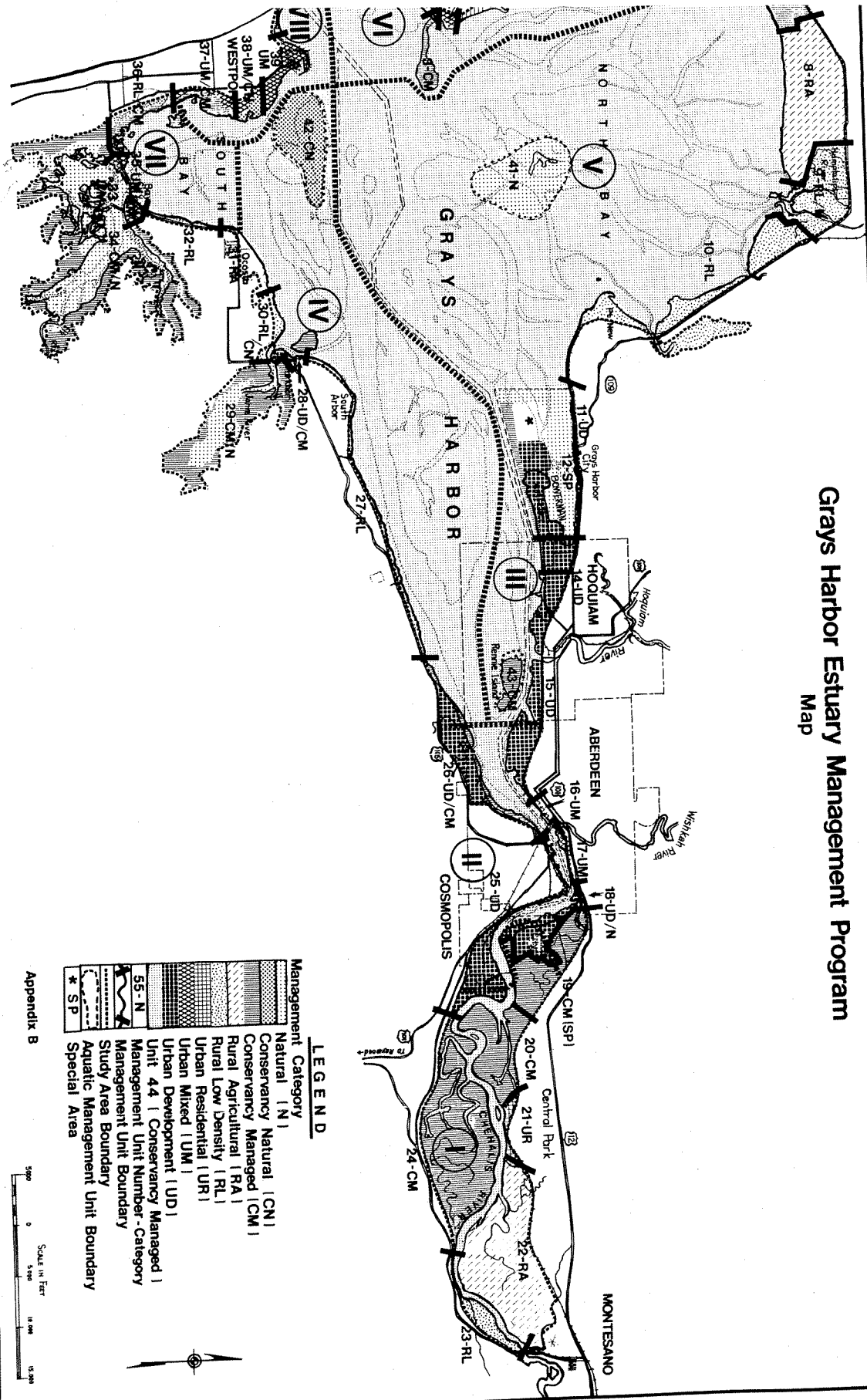
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APPENDIX B
GHEMP PLANNING AREAS AND MANAGEMENT UNITS

Grays Harbor Estuary Management Program Map



LEGEND

Management Category	Description
(N)	Natural (N)
(CN)	Conservancy Natural (CN)
(CM)	Conservancy Managed (CM)
(RA)	Rural Agricultural (RA)
(RL)	Rural Low Density (RL)
(UR)	Urban Residential (UR)
(UM)	Urban Mixed (UM)
(UD)	Urban Development (UD)
(44)	Unit 44 Conservancy Managed
(N-C)	Management Unit Number - Category
(---)	Management Unit Boundary
(---)	Study Area Boundary
(---)	Aquatic Management Unit Boundary
(---)	Special Area
(*)	SP

Appendix B



APPENDIX C
STATE AND FEDERAL LETTERS OF INTENT
AND
RESOLUTION FROM THE PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR

ANDREA BEATTY RANKER
Director



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June 12, 1986

Ms. Janet A. Richardson
Executive Director
Grays Harbor Regional Planning Commission
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Dear Janet:

As lead administrative agency for the state's Shoreline Management Act and the state's federally approved Coastal Zone Management Program, the Department of Ecology provides this draft letter specifying how we intend to use and implement the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan.

First, we intend to assist and carry through on those actions that are necessary to formally adopt and implement the plan. These include the formal amending of the local master programs and the state's Coastal Zone Management Program.

Second, we recognize the coordination and cooperation required among local agencies around Grays Harbor and with the directly affected state and federal agencies to develop the plan. We intend to continue to support and foster the regional, state, and federal cooperative approach called for in the implementation and refinement of the plan.

Third, we recognize that the plan is largely implemented through issuance of local, state and federal permits. Within constraints imposed by state laws and administrative procedures, we intend to act favorably and expedite consistent proposals, to oppose inconsistent proposals and give earliest possible notice to proponents of those projects.

Finally, we intend to encourage and assist, where possible, with the implementation of those elements of the plan which are not regulatory in nature. These actions include conservation and restoration of natural areas and cultural features, public access and recreation, and public facilities that are consistent with the plan.

The Estuary Management Plan will serve the long term needs of your communities by providing for local economic development and protect Grays Harbor's outstanding marine resources. As such, it is widely regarded as the nation's foremost effort

Ms. Janet A. Richardson
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to provide a balance between the need for conservation and economic development in an estuarine setting. Your organization and members deserve credit for your continued commitment to this process.

It is my intent to formally sign this letter at such time as the local Shoreline Management Master Programs are amended and formal amendment of the state Coastal Zone Management Program has been accomplished.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ABR", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Beatty Riniker
Director

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WILLIAM R. WILKERSON
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Dear Ms. Riniker:

Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan - Letter of Intent

As requested by the Department of Ecology staff, we are providing this letter describing how the Department of Fisheries (WDF) intends to use the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan (GHEMP) when it is adopted by local agencies.

WDF is charged to protect, perpetuate, preserve, and manage food fish and shellfish (RCW 75.08.012). The WDF shares responsibility for issuing Hydraulic Project Approvals (HPA) under the Hydraulic Code (RCW 75.20.100) with the Department of Game. The two agencies have jointly adopted WAC's to implement the Hydraulic Code. A copy of the Hydraulic Code (passed in March 1986) and the WAC's adopted in 1985 are enclosed. Like other agencies in the state, WDF is also subject to SEPA.

The WDF has participated in the planning process which produced the GHEMP. We have attempted to provide relevant data on fish resources during the process to produce a plan which minimizes impacts on the resources under WDF jurisdiction.

We feel that GHEMP is a good planning tool and we will strongly consider the GHEMP designations for any project proposed. As stated in GHEMP, the plan is not intended to preempt other laws. Where there are differences between GHEMP and our statutory requirements and associated WAC's, the latter two will, of course, take precedence. Because of the WDF participation in the GHEMP process, we know of few such differences (the GHEMP Bankline Straightening Policy is worded differently than the HPA WAC's, for example).

We believe that the GHEMP will be an effective tool to utilize in project review, resource protection, and development of public and private proposals in Grays Harbor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell W. Cahill for".

William R. Wilkerson
Director

Enclosures

JACK S. WAYLAND
Director



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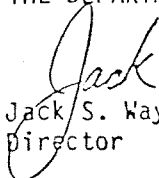
Dear Andrea:

The attached unsigned letter of intent describes how the Department of Game intends to use the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan (GHEMP). When all entities have adopted the finalized plan, this letter will be signed and reference the appropriate final plan date.

The Department of Ecology should be complimented for their efforts in facilitating the completion of GHEMP. This planning effort brings together many state, federal, and local agencies with different objectives to achieve a common goal. We look forward to working with your agency to ensure successful plan implementation.

Sincerely,

THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME


Jack S. Wayland
Director

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Attachment

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May 9, 1986

Andrea Beatty Riniker, Director
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RE: Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan

Dear Andrea:

This letter is provided to clarify how the Washington Department of Game will use the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan (GHEMP).

The Washington Department of Game has been an active participant in the GHEMP since its earliest stages. We believe the plan has considerable credibility in providing direction for developers and providing long-term protection for the important natural resources of Grays Harbor.

Since the draft plan was issued, Department of Game has used GHEMP as an important tool and guideline for decision making. As the plan is finalized and amended into local shoreline master programs, we will continue to use the plan as a guideline. We are, however, required to evaluate projects through the normal permit process and GHEMP should facilitate that process.

Sincerely,

THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME

Jack S. Wayland
Director

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Dear Ms. Riniker:

The Department of Natural Resources has been a participant in development of the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan since its inception. While the planning process has taken longer than expected, it appears that the conclusion is near. I understand the Estuary Planning Task Force is now seeking letters from state agencies explaining our intent regarding plan implementation.

The department's interest in the process has been to seek a planned solution which best satisfies everyone's long-term interests. This will avoid the necessity for case-by-case decisions which can only consider a limited range of development impacts. Our involvement is consistent with our policy to use the local shoreline planning process to the maximum extent possible in making proprietary decisions concerning state-owned submerged lands.

Over a number of years, the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan planning process considered a wide range of local, state, federal, and citizen interests. The final plan provides for a balance of public benefits, including development, resource preservation and conservation. This balance considers development on privately owned aquatic lands and uplands as well as on state-owned aquatic lands.

We consider the plan, in its present form, to provide adequate long-term protection of state-wide values on a regional basis. Therefore, we will use the plan, after adoption by local governments and Department of Ecology, as the basis for our decisions on new uses of state-owned aquatic lands.

We appreciate the time and effort the Department of Ecology has put into this project. The final results should make your efforts worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Brian Boyle
Commissioner of Public Lands

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c: Janet Richardson
Bill Wilkerson
Jack Wayland

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Re: Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan

Dear Ms. Riniker:

This letter of intent (LOI) is provided to specify how EPA intends to use the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan (GHEMP).

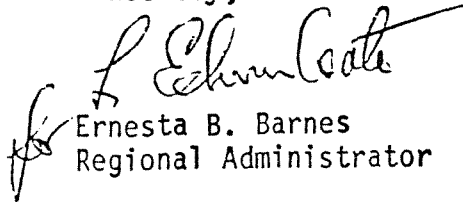
EPA has and will continue to actively support the estuary management planning process. The draft GHEMP has, through a spirit of compromise, been able to define areas which must be preserved and areas which may be developed. While total satisfaction with the plan may not be realized by all parties, we are convinced that the final plan, which addresses cumulative environmental and economic impacts, provides safeguards necessary to maintain the long-term biological integrity of this extremely important estuary. Vast acreages of wetlands and the most important aquatic areas in Grays Harbor are designated for protection. The GHEMP accomplishes this without preventing the opportunity for needed growth and diversification of this region's industrial base.

Accordingly, when we are satisfied with the final GHEMP conditions and the plan is amended into local Shoreline Management Master Programs (and adopted as state regulations by the Department of Ecology under the Shoreline Management Act) EPA will use the plan as follows:

1. If a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 dredge and fill permit public notice is issued for a project that is not consistent with the GHEMP, EPA will request either permit abeyance or denial until plan conditions are satisfied. EPA will refer the project proponent to appropriate state and local authorities to achieve compliance with the plan.
2. If the plan conditions are satisfied and a Corps of Engineers Section 404 dredge and fill permit public notice has been issued, EPA will rely heavily on the GHEMP when preparing its 404(b)(1) recommendations to the Corps for such public notice.

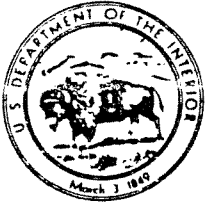
This LOI is dependent on existing federal legislation and regulations. Should the Clean Water Act or the 404 regulations be modified, or new legislation affecting this plan be enacted, revision of this LOI may be necessary.

Sincerely,



Ernesta B. Barnes
Regional Administrator

cc: Corps of Engineers
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November 17, 1986

Andrea Beatty Riniker, Director
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Dear Ms. Riniker:

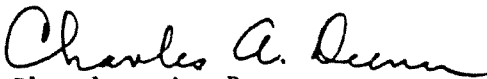
The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been actively involved in the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan (GHEMP) for many years. We have supported the development of the GHEMP because it provides predictability to development interests while providing for the protection of important natural resources.

The key concept upon which the plan is based is "balance". This balance must be maintained through reasonable interpretation of the plan, as well as by integrating any changes which may occur in Federal regulations or policies.

The Fish and Wildlife Service intends to use the GHEMP as an important tool for making decisions and recommendations in the Grays Harbor estuary. The plan provides good general guidance for the various management units, although it could not, of course, predict specific projects or activities which might be proposed. In addition, the quality of the resource data on sites throughout the estuary is extremely variable, and so we will base our final recommendation on the most recent information available. We will review each project for consistency with our Mitigation Policy goals, through our normal permit review process. We believe that our review will be greatly facilitated because of the information contained in the plan, and because much of our normal review criteria has been incorporated into the plan.

We believe that the GHEMP is an important step towards enhancing both the important natural resources and the economic productivity of Grays Harbor.

Sincerely,


Charles A. Dunn
Field Supervisor

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Re: Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan

Dear Ms. Riniker:

This letter of intent (LOI) is provided to specify how the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to use the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan (GHEMP). The GHEMP is a landmark document developed with the participation and consensus of the various local, State and Federal agencies responsible for development, resource conservation, and protection.

The estuary planning process provided a forum for reconciling the authorities and standards of these entities, and facilitated compromises necessary to define areas which must be preserved and areas which may be developed. The NMFS has supported and will continue to actively support the estuary management planning process in a coordination role as provided by Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

While total satisfaction with the GHEMP may not be realized by all parties, we are convinced that the final plan, which addresses cumulative environmental and economic impacts, provides safeguards necessary to maintain the long-term biological integrity and fisheries of this estuary. Vast acreages of wetlands and subtidal areas in Grays Harbor are designated for protection. The GHEMP accomplishes this without preventing the opportunity for needed growth and diversification of this region's industrial base.

Accordingly, when we are satisfied with the final GHEMP conditions and the plan is amended into local Shoreline Management Master Programs (and adopted as state regulations by the Department of Ecology under the Shoreline Management Act) the NMFS will use the plan to expedite NMFS' review (provided for in the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act) of Corps of Engineers Section 10 and 404 permit applications for the Grays Harbor area. We intend to use the GHEMP in preparing permit comments for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as follows.



1. If a Corps of Engineers Section 404 or Section 10 permit public notice is issued for a project that is not consistent with the GHEMP, the NMFS will request either permit abeyance until plan conditions are satisfied or denial. The NMFS will refer the project proponent to appropriate state and local authorities to achieve compliance with the plan.
2. If a Corps of Engineers Section 404 or Section 10 permit public notice is issued for a project consistent with the GHEMP, the NMFS will rely heavily on the GHEMP when preparing its recommendations to the Corps for that public notice. (The plan does not contain complete advance permit evaluations for development in given management units, since at the planning stage specific project and design details were not available. Full satisfaction of the Section 404 Guidelines therefore must logically be demonstrated through the permit application at the time a project is proposed.)

The consensus decision-making process of the Task Force evolved through numerous compromises and resulted in a balance between development and resource protection. NMFS reliance upon the GHEMP in permit review is predicated on maintaining this balance. As a result, plan amendments which could alter this balance should be carefully reviewed by the Task Force so that continued use of the GHEMP in permit review is possible.

This LOI is dependent on existing federal legislation and regulations. Should the Clean Water Act or the 404 regulations be modified, or new legislation affecting this plan or the authorities of the NMFS be enacted, revision of this LOI may be necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed By
Rolland A. Schmitten

Rolland A. Schmitten
Regional Director

cc: Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ES, Portland
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Washington Department of Fisheries
Washington Department of Game
Grays Harbor Regional Planning Commission

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Andrea Beatty Riniker, Director
Washington State Department of Ecology
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Dear Ms. Riniker:

This letter reiterates our previous position on how the Corps of Engineers intends to use the Grays Harbor Estuary Management Plan. We are encouraged by the plan's potential for assisting in evaluating projects and thank you for the opportunity to serve as a technical representative during the plan's development. The plan's introductory section, Relationship to Local, State and Federal Permitting Processes, offers an excellent discussion of the advantages and limits of the plan in relation to our Sections 404 and 10 permit actions.

Although the Seattle District must evaluate each permit application on its own merits, in accordance with existing laws and regulations, and on the basis of the record established on each case, the plan will nevertheless be very much a part of our evaluation process. It will, in particular, provide a strong reflection of local factors of the public interest. It will also impact our permit program in a number of indirect ways. To the extent that it represents a consensus of the various local, state, and Federal agencies responsible for estuarine resource management in the area, the plan should increase the timeliness and predictability of public and agency input into our public interest review process. To the extent that it influences state and local permit decisions, coastal zone consistency determinations, and water quality certifications, its impact will also be felt in our program.

We look forward to implementation of the plan via local and the State of Washington shoreline management programs.

Sincerely,

S. M.
Roger F. Yankoupe
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

