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Dusty Pilkington Kittitas County Community Development 411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2 Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: SD-16-00001, PF-16-00001

Dear Mr. Pilkington:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the notice of application for the shoreline SDP to install a floating restroom facility at Quilmonene Cove, proposed by Grant County Public Utility District. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

SHORELANDS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE

As per the Kittitas County SMP section 6.5 Boating facilities, (A. 11.) "Overwater structure design, construction and use shall minimize degradation of aquatic, nearshore, and shoreline habitats." No information is given in the application documents of where in the cove the restroom facility will be moored or at what depth it will be installed. It should not be installed in wetland areas. (Wetlands include portions of the aquatic environment which are 6 feet or less in depth at any time of year.) If the facility cannot be placed in water deeper than 6 feet or would intrude on required wetland buffers, then a shoreline variance permit would be required in addition to the shoreline substantial development permit and wetland mitigation measures may be needed.

A complete "shoreline permit filing" must include a map with the installation location. A hardcopy of pertinent shoreline permit documents (see WAC 173-27-130 and 180) must be filed with Ecology via mail in order to complete the shoreline permit filing process and start the 21-day state appeal process.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Shorelands/Environmental Assistance comments, please contact **Catherine Reed** at (509) 575-2616 or email at <u>catherine.reed@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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