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Ms. Clear,

Thank you for commenting on the notice of application for the shoreline SDP to install a floating restroom facility at Quilomene Cove. The comment letter states, in part:

"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."

On sheet 5 of 8 on the site plan, the depth at which the facility will be installed is clearly shown. The lowest the facility will reach is 563.2 feet above sea level, 7.2 feet above the river bottom, while the maximum height will be at 578.2 feet above sea level and 22.2 feet above the river bottom. Further, page 3 of the site plan shows the drift radius, which is clearly well into the river, away from the shoreline and any shallow wetland areas.

Given this information, a shoreline variance is not needed under the Kittitas County Shoreline Master Program, and a Shoreline Substantial Development permit is sufficient for the project.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (509)-962-7079.

Sincerely,

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