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DEPARTMENT _____ DIRECT NO. _____

January 26, 2015

Jack Louws, County Executive
Whatcom County
311 Grand Ave., Suite 108
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RE: Gooseberry Point Marina Project

Dear Executive Louws,

This letter is to inform you of the progress the Lummi Nation has made on the Gooseberry Point Marina Project. We have met with County staff on a few occasions last year, most recently on October 15, 2014, to ensure that the County is informed and can appropriately plan for the Project. At this last meeting we agreed to provide this written update to you.

As you already know, the ferry lease anticipates that the Nation would be designing and constructing a marina at this location and that it would most likely require that the approach at Gooseberry Point would have to be changed. The Nation has spent the last couple of years exploring many options, including a standard dredge and fill design and one that would have dredge out uplands. These two designs as well as other options were determined to be not practical or acceptable do to impact to natural and/or cultural resources.

The design that has been determined as practical and acceptable is a floating breakwater design directly in front of the Ferry landing. This location minimizes the impact to eel grass beds. We expect to be able to make an application to the Army Corp of Engineers by early summer of 2015. The permit process will take about 18 months, giving the Nation a permit around the beginning of 2017. Once we have the permit in hand the Nation will pursue all possible grant funding. We expect the capital campaign will require two to three years to fully fund the project.

The ferry lease uses the date of application to the Army Corp as the date that the County must start designing a new approach for the ferry. Based on the timeline described above the County should be planning on initiating design for the new approach by June 2015.

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I hope that this information is helpful in your future planning. If you or any of your staff have questions feel free to contact the Lummi Transportation Planner, Kirk Vinish (360) 312-2340 KirkV@lummi-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Ballew II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "T" and "B".

Tim Ballew II, Chairman
Lummi Indian Business Council