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State Historic Preservation Officer

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Mr. Ryan Countryman  
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Everett, WA98201

In future correspondence please refer to:  
Project Tracking Code: 022714-54-SN  
Property: Point Wells Proposed Redevelopment

**Re: Archaeology-Professional Archaeological Survey and Monitoring Requested**

Dear Mr. Countryman:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The above referenced project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). We have commented on this project area previously. The project area has a very high probability for containing archaeological resources and human burials. Precontact artifacts have been reported being found on or adjacent to the property. The landform is similar to that of the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal and the Port Angeles Graving Dock. Both of those landforms contain extensive archaeology and human burials even though they had been developed and redeveloped for years. Please be aware that archaeological sites are protected from knowing disturbance on both public and private lands in Washington States. Both RCW 27.44 and RCW 27.53.060 require that a person obtain a permit from our Department before excavating, removing, or altering Native American human remains or archaeological resources in Washington. Failure to obtain a permit is punishable by civil fines and other penalties under RCW 27.53.095, and by criminal prosecution under RCW 27.53.090.

Chapter 27.53.095 RCW allows the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to issue civil penalties for the violation of this statute in an amount up to five thousand dollars, in addition to site restoration costs and investigative costs. Also, these remedies do not prevent concerned tribes from undertaking civil action in state or federal court, or law enforcement agencies from undertaking criminal investigation or prosecution. Chapter 27.44.050 RCW allows the affected Indian Tribe to undertake civil action apart from any criminal prosecution if burials are disturbed.

**We request archaeological oversight in the form of professional archaeological monitoring and survey. Please retain a professional archaeologist to submit an archaeological research design to DAHP and the interested Tribes for review prior to any ground disturbance or demolition. DAHP and the Tribes will help to develop the plan for archaeological oversight and investigation and determined when DAHP permits may be required under RCW 27.53.**



Thank you for the opportunity to review and we look forward to receiving the research design and helping to develop the plan for archaeological investigation. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Kaehler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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