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Subject: Exemption from Bothell Shoreline Substantial Development Permit requirements for proposed Sammamish River Side Channel Restoration Project.

Dear Mr. Loch and Ms. Nightingale:

The City of Bothell has requested an exemption from the requirements of Bothell's Shoreline Master Program for the proposed Sammamish River Side Channel Restoration project.

As described, the project would restore Sammamish River flow to an historic side channel on the south side of the river across from the City's Park at Bothell Landing. The project is on the WRIA 8 three year work plan, and the design phase is funded largely through a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant.

Bothell Municipal Code (BMC) Section 13.17.040E.15 specifically exempts WRIA 8 watershed restoration projects from the City requirement to obtain a shoreline substantial development permit. **Accordingly, as Bothell Shoreline Administrator, I hereby grant the request by the City of Bothell for an exemption from the City's Shoreline Substantial Development Permit requirements.**

I note in the City's request that the City intends to submit a JARPA to federal and state agencies for appropriate permits from those agencies for the project. BMC Section 13.17.040F states that when a project is proposed that requires review and approval by federal agencies, even though it is exempt from obtaining a permit under the Bothell Shoreline Master Program, the Bothell Shoreline Administrator is directed to prepare a letter of exemption addressed both to the applicant (in this case, the City of Bothell) and the Washington State Department of Ecology. **This letter fulfills that requirement.**

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact the undersigned via e-mail at bill.wiselogle@ci.bothell.wa.us, or via telephone at 425-486-8152.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Wiselogle". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bill Wiselogle
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