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Ms. Vevie Popplewell-Walker City of Florence Planning 250 Hwy 101 Florence, OR 97439

RE: SHPO Case No. 15-1266

City of Florence, Resolution PC 15 16 CUP 09, Porter Boatlift Construction 100 Rhododendron Drive, Floren, Lane County

## Dear Ms. Popplewell-Walker:

Additional information regarding your proposed project has recently been brought to our attention. In our earlier review we were notified that construction of a private boatlift, gangway and two mooring buoys were being proposed within the above project area. Our office was unaware of proposed mitigation measures and how these measures may affect any historic properties. It appears to our office that the project applicant proposes to remove 37 derelict piles from the vicinity of the project. Does information on the age and initial function of these piles exist? Are they at least 50 years of age? Are they all that remain from an earlier dock, cannery or other historic structure? If greater than 50 years of age, their removal will constitute the destruction of an archaeological site. Before such an activity can be approved, our office will need to receive a copy of a site form and sufficient information on the site's significance. Once we are able to discover, the age, extent, integrity and history of the piles we will be able to address any potential effect that could occur to historic properties within the project's APE.

It is important that the applicant contact a professional archaeologist to have the site assessed for significance and a site form completed. Once our office receives a copy of this form and the assessment we will be able to complete our review of the project. In order to help us track your project accurately, please be sure to reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

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