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Lewis County Community Development
Attn: Shoreline Permit Reviewer
2025 NE Kresky Avenue
Chehalis, WA 98532-2308 [1]

RE: Shoreline Master Program, Burden of Proof Statement, JARPA Application

Project Site: 452 Cispus Road, Randle – Tax Parcel 031921001000

Permit Reference: MSR26-0453

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is a statement to affirm that the proposed project complies with the Lewis County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) regulations. The project is designed to minimize environmental impacts to the local shoreline jurisdiction.

1. Project Description

Convert the ground floor level of an existing metal pole barn into an Accessory Dwelling Unit. No change to the existing size or location of the structure is planned.

2. Compliance with SMP General Regulations

The following sections address the specific criteria of the Lewis County Shoreline Master Program: [1]

- **SMP Section 4.02 (Archaeological and Historic Resources):** This project does not include heavy sub-surface excavation or grading.
- **SMP Section 4.03 (Environmental Impacts & Ecological Functions):** The development is situated entirely outside of critical active channel migration zones and utilizes existing cleared spaces to prevent vegetation clearing.
- **SMP Section 4.04 (Critical Areas):** The existing structures conform to the minimum setback and buffer requirements set by the Lewis County Critical Areas Ordinance. No wetlands will be filled or altered during this development.

3. Compliance with Specific Shoreline Environment Designation

The property is located within the **Rural Conservancy** environment.

- Under this designation, residential uses are listed as a permitted/conditional use.
- The structure complies with all local bulk and dimensional standards, including the maximum height restriction of 35 feet and maximum impervious surface limitations.

4. Conclusion

The applicant has met the burden of proof by demonstrating that the proposed development conforms entirely to the policies and regulations of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) and the Lewis County SMP. The project avoids impacts to critical habitats, preserves public access principles, and sustains the natural shoreline environment.

Sincerely,

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