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**RE: Deliverables Requested for Sawmill Creek Hatchery Tidelands Use**

Ms. Ainslie,

In regard to your request for additional information on NSRAA's proposed use of City and Borough of Sitka tidelands neighboring the Gary Paxton Industrial Park, please receive this letter and attachments.

Outfall Description

The additional outfall is required as part of NSRAA's expansion of the Sawmill Creek Hatchery. Block 4, Lot 3 in the GPIP has been leased by NSRAA since 2018, and will be the site of the hatchery expansion. A new drain line running the length of lot 3 and lot 2 will be installed in conjunction with the outfall. Both the new drain and outfall system are required to accommodate the additional water flow when the expanded facility begins operating. The new facility will accommodate rearing for 2,000,000 Chinook and the capacity to incubate up to 50,000,000 chum salmon. The outfall will originate from a collection vault on the uplands lot 2 lease site where the drain lines from both facilities will combine. The new outfall will be made of 30" SDR 21 HDPE pipe and will be approximately 900' long. The outfall will be weighted with concrete collar anchors every 15', each weighing ~2,500#. The 30" outfall will run parallel to the existing 24", with approximately 20' separation. The outfall will terminate at -100' depth as per hatchery permit requirements.

Water Demand Forecast

This information has been provided to the Electric Department before, most recently regarding discussions of a possible back pressure turbine system to supply second use water to NSRAA and/or Public Works (or other industrial uses). See attachment 2 for detailed estimated use by month, which has been revised to include potential increases during the development of the new facility. The original water agreement was for a max of 10cfs. The new agreement allows for a max of 20cfs, with a yearly average of 14cfs. The current facility cannot exceed 10cfs due to outfall restriction. Once the new outfall is in place, the current use will increase slightly as the next flow restriction will be the current 10" penstock supply. The full flow use, up to the water agreement, is projected to occur when the expansion is complete in early 2025.

Flow Meter Status Update

Withdrawal Point 1: Initially, as indicated in the water agreement, NSRAA had intended to upgrade the 10" penstock supply to a 14" and replace the aging infrastructure associated with that supply. Given the scope of that work, NSRAA intended to install a flow meter at that time, rather than install a smaller flow meter on the current line that would not be able to be used for the expansion. Currently the Electric Department and NSRAA have been in discussions regarding alternate methods of supply off the penstock to provide for more efficient use of the industrial water the hatchery needs to operate. Until those details are worked out, and the delivery method

determined to accommodate the up to 20cfs, it is difficult for NSRAA to install a flow meter to monitor this withdrawal point. If the filter plant afterbay is not spilling, the flow meter at the hatchery will provide flow for withdrawal point 1. Currently the afterbay is being operated at a -12" elevation, however, the damboards on the afterbay are not watertight, so some additional flow is not accounted for. That is estimated to be less than 0.5cfs. The current flow meter at the facility provides an output signal to the CBS Public Works SCADA system.

Withdrawal Point 2: The Blue Lake hydro afterbay pump system, as originally installed by the CBS, is incapable of supplying the original 10cfs. NSRAA is currently working on engineering to upgrade the system to accommodate the increased flow requirements, as outlined in the new water delivery agreement. The current, and future pumps are not and will not be capable of overcoming the head pressure to spill the bulk water line/filter plant afterbay. Thus, when NSRAA is pumping water, the flow meter at the hatchery site provides flow data for withdrawal point 2. When NSRAA constructs the expansion facility on lot 3, we will install a flow meter on the main supply for that facility. Our intent, pending CBS approval, would be to totalize the flow at both locations to provide for flow data when pumping.

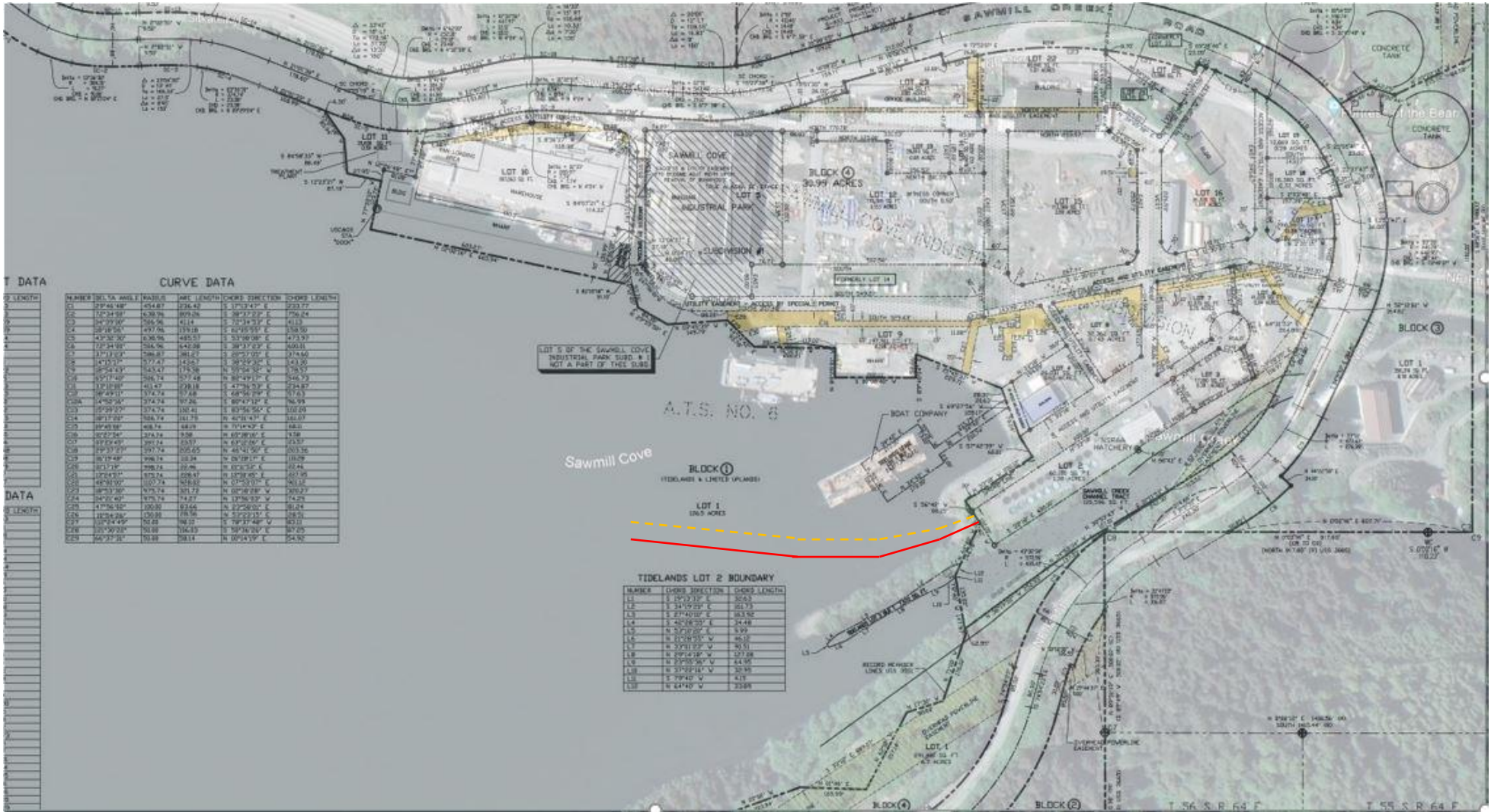
Withdrawal Point 3: This point, as indicated in the appendix to the water agreement, is from Sawmill Creek. That point source was intended to be accessed by opening a slide gate in the spillway of the Blue Lake hydro afterbay, and then utilizing the pumps at withdrawal point 2. That is still an option, however, in conjunction with Public Works, NSRAA has partnered on the Critical Secondary Water project to provide an alternate location to withdraw from Sawmill Creek. NSRAA will have its own wet well and pumping system that will tee into the existing bulk water line that provides industrial water to the GPIIP. The pumping system at this location will have an industrial flow meter installed as per CRW Engineering's drawings.

In conjunction with this request, NSRAA is interested in the option to obtain a tidelands lease in the area directly adjacent to lot 2. This will allow for protection of our outfalls where they exit the tidally influenced area as well as provide a footprint to accommodate a potential docking structure in the future if deemed necessary. The general area that would be requested is indicated on attachment 3.

Please let me know if you have any questions or further needs for information.

Respectfully,  
Adam Olson

# Attachment 1



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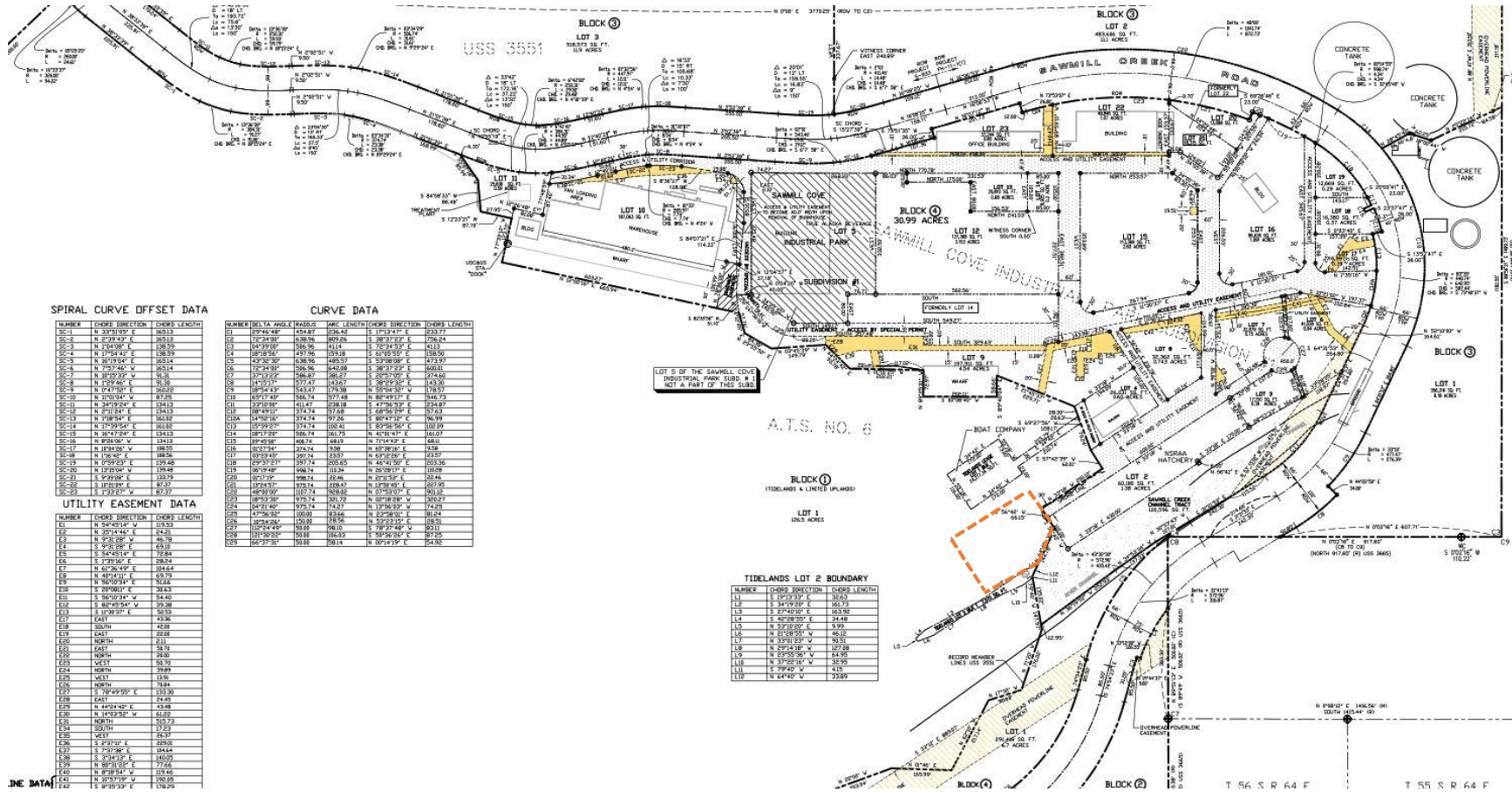
- Existing 24" Outfall
- - - Proposed 30" Outfall

**Attachment 2**

**Sawmill Creek Hatchery Monthly Flow Estimates (cfs)**

	Month	Existing		Month	Existing		Month	Existing	New	Total
	2021-2022	January		10.0	2023-2024		January	11.0	2025+	January
February		10.0	February	11.0		February	13.0	7.0		20.0
March		10.0	March	11.0		March	14.0	6.0		20.0
April		10.0	April	11.0		April	14.0	6.0		20.0
May		6.1	May	6.1		May	6.1	0.0		6.1
June		1.6	June	1.6		June	1.6	0.0		1.6
July		3.2	July	3.2		July	3.2	1.6		4.7
August		7.7	August	7.7		August	7.7	1.6		9.3
September		8.5	September	8.5		September	9.0	1.6		10.6
October		10.0	October	11.0		October	11.0	3.8		14.8
November		10.0	November	11.0		November	13.0	3.3		16.3
December		10.0	December	11.0		December	14.0	4.6		18.6
AVERAGE		8.1	AVERAGE	8.7		AVERAGE	10.0	3.5		13.5

# Attachment 3



**SPIRAL CURVE OFFSET DATA**

NUMBER	CURVE DIRECTION	CURVE LENGTH
SC-1	N 39°31'39" E	363.13
SC-2	N 39°31'39" E	363.13
SC-3	N 70°43'09" E	138.59
SC-4	N 70°43'09" E	138.59
SC-5	N 30°19'54" E	363.14
SC-6	N 30°19'54" E	363.14
SC-7	N 30°19'54" W	91.36
SC-8	N 70°43'09" E	91.36
SC-9	N 04°43'58" E	262.82
SC-10	N 04°43'58" E	87.25
SC-11	N 34°19'24" E	134.13
SC-12	N 34°19'24" E	134.13
SC-13	N 71°08'54" E	363.22
SC-14	N 71°08'54" E	363.22
SC-15	N 30°19'54" W	134.13
SC-16	N 30°19'54" W	188.25
SC-17	N 04°43'58" E	139.48
SC-18	N 04°43'58" E	139.48
SC-19	N 34°19'24" E	87.27
SC-20	N 34°19'24" E	87.27

**CURVE DATA**

NUMBER	DELTA ANGLE	PIVOTS	ARC LENGTH	CURVE DIRECTION	CHORD LENGTH
C1	29°46'48"	454.87	236.42	S 17°31'27" E	233.77
C2	17°34'57"	639.96	809.89	S 30°23'27" E	796.34
C3	04°39'16"	526.96	411.4	S 72°34'57" E	413.3
C4	02°28'55"	479.76	339.18	S 42°55'57" E	338.50
C5	42°38'30"	638.92	485.57	S 33°08'09" E	473.97
C6	12°24'00"	285.96	442.88	S 28°17'32" E	408.81
C7	37°13'23"	286.87	286.27	S 25°53'09" E	274.60
C8	14°12'33"	371.47	475.7	S 29°12'51" E	473.30
C9	08°58'43"	343.47	175.38	S 05°04'30" E	178.57
C10	05°17'46"	261.74	177.48	S 06°19'11" E	184.78
C11	33°10'43"	414.47	238.18	S 47°06'53" E	234.87
C12	08°49'17"	334.74	178.8	S 48°50'57" E	173.23
C13	14°40'18"	374.74	372.26	S 06°47'33" E	363.99
C14	02°39'27"	374.74	380.41	S 09°56'56" E	382.09
C15	02°39'27"	267.74	301.75	S 09°11'41" E	301.07
C16	09°48'58"	468.74	481.9	N 72°14'22" E	481.0
C17	02°39'27"	267.74	308	N 02°06'18" E	308
C18	03°03'49"	397.74	257.7	N 47°12'42" E	257.7
C19	24°33'17"	397.74	509.65	N 48°42'42" E	503.36
C20	06°19'48"	468.74	112.26	N 20°28'17" E	112.26
C21	02°39'27"	468.74	18.46	N 02°13'52" E	18.46
C22	18°24'13"	475.74	428.47	N 13°38'11" E	427.95
C23	48°03'30"	1127.47	1026.82	N 02°13'52" E	1026.82
C24	04°51'47"	1975.74	321.72	N 38°18'28" W	320.27
C25	47°56'38"	100.9	82.66	N 22°28'31" E	81.24
C26	18°24'13"	100.9	129.76	S 52°33'11" E	128.51
C27	15°24'49"	503.8	181.01	S 78°37'48" W	181.01
C28	12°02'55"	761.87	1162.93	S 78°56'58" E	1171.96
C29	02°39'31"	503.8	1081.4	N 02°14'39" E	1074.82

**UTILITY EASEMENT DATA**

NUMBER	CURVE DIRECTION	CURVE LENGTH
E1	N 34°45'14" W	119.53
E2	N 34°45'14" W	24.26
E3	N 52°38'26" E	46.78
E4	S 34°45'14" E	63.01
E5	S 34°45'14" E	72.84
E6	S 72°02'42" E	28.24
E7	N 61°36'49" E	39.44
E8	N 42°14'17" E	43.79
E9	N 30°10'34" E	31.26
E10	S 30°10'34" W	31.26
E11	S 30°10'34" W	34.40
E12	N 30°10'34" W	39.38
E13	S 17°08'27" E	92.53
E14	S 17°08'27" E	43.26
E15	S 03°04" E	47.88
E16	S 03°04" E	26.98
E17	N 03°04" E	21.11
E18	N 03°04" E	26.98
E19	N 03°04" E	26.98
E20	N 03°04" E	26.98
E21	N 03°04" E	26.98
E22	N 03°04" E	26.98
E23	N 03°04" E	26.98
E24	N 03°04" E	26.98
E25	N 03°04" E	26.98
E26	N 03°04" E	26.98
E27	N 03°04" E	26.98
E28	N 03°04" E	26.98
E29	N 03°04" E	26.98
E30	N 03°04" E	26.98
E31	N 03°04" E	26.98
E32	N 03°04" E	26.98
E33	N 03°04" E	26.98
E34	N 03°04" E	26.98
E35	N 03°04" E	26.98
E36	N 03°04" E	26.98
E37	N 03°04" E	26.98
E38	N 03°04" E	26.98
E39	N 03°04" E	26.98
E40	N 03°04" E	26.98
E41	N 03°04" E	26.98
E42	N 03°04" E	26.98

**TIDELANDS LOT 2 BOUNDARY**

NUMBER	CURVE DIRECTION	CHORD LENGTH
L1	S 19°13'35" E	3263
L2	S 34°30'09" E	5013
L3	S 23°42'09" E	3033
L4	S 42°06'09" E	3440
L5	N 30°10'34" E	3127
L6	N 30°10'34" W	3127
L7	N 30°10'34" W	3127
L8	N 30°10'34" W	3127
L9	N 30°10'34" W	3127
L10	N 30°10'34" W	3127
L11	S 79°42'09" W	435
L12	N 44°42'09" W	2389

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----- Potential Lease Area (est)