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SUBJECT: Notice that Pile Driving will not occur at the Tillamook South Jetty Repairs project

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Dear Ms. Harrison:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (USACE), Civil Works Program would like to notify your office about an update to the Tillamook South Jetty Repairs Project in Tillamook, Oregon. We generally seek environmental compliance based on the best available information regarding the methods that a contractor may employ to achieve project purposes, but they can explore less impactful methods. In lieu of having a semi-permanent landing platform constructed with up to 24 pipe piles, 250 sheet piles, and temporary fill, and a separate barge (i.e., original material offload facility (MOF) design concept), the USACE contractor at the Tillamook South Jetty Repair project opted to utilize a ballard barge to deliver stone to the project site. The ballard barge is approximately 146-ft long and serves as both the landing and the material transport barge. Once the barge is securely tied, the stone is unloaded from the barge to the staging area(s).

Since the final MOF design eliminated the need for pile driving, in addition to reducing the size of the barge system by at least 1/2, USACE determined that the proposed modification would be less impactful than the conceptual MOF design described in the revised request for incidental harassment authorization (IHA) submitted May 2, 2022. Again, since the ballard barge is supported by a shore-based anchoring system that did not require pile driving, there was no need for marine mammal monitoring. USACE, in coordination with NMFS, has determination that the Year 1 IHA that was issued for anticipated pile driving to construct a semi-permanent MOF; and Year 2 IHA issued for subsequent pile removal to deconstruct the MOF, are no longer required.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



Enclosure 1. Ballard barge for offloading material at the Tillamook South Jetty project.