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DEPARTMENT _____ DIRECT NO. _____

June 23, 2010

Whatcom County Planning
Attn: Tyler Schroeder
5280 Northwest Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226

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RE: SEP2007-00074

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

The Lummi Nation has received notice of the above-referenced permit and is responding as an affected tribe.

The Lummi Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (LNTHPO) has facilitated an internal review of the project using records on file with the Lummi Nation's Cultural Resource Management Program. Our review indicates the following:

- There are SEVERAL State and Tribally registered sites located within the proposed project location.
- The proposed project has the high potential to adversely affect Cultural Resources.

Based on these factors, it is highly likely that cultural resources are present in the proposed project area. The LNTHPO recommends a professional cultural resource assessment of the proposed project area be conducted *prior* to the commencement of ground-disturbing activities in order to determine the presence of cultural resources and plan for their appropriate protection during all phases of the project.

These comments are based on the information available at the time of the review. The LNTHPO should review any changes related to the proposed project activities. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (360) 384-2298.

Sincerely,

Kelly J. Easter
Deputy Compliance Officer
Lummi Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office

cc: James Hillaire, Director, Lummi *Sche'lang'en* Department
Stephenie Kramer, Assistant State Archaeologist, DAHP