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RE: Lake Cushman and Lake Kokanee Shoreline Use Survey Status Update

Dear Shoreline Lessee:

Hello. My name is Wynnae (pronounced win-NAY). I recently took a position with Tacoma Power as the Shoreline and Lands Coordinator. The primary objective of my role is to assist waterfront lessees in navigating the shoreline permitting requirements. I will be your contact when working with Tacoma Power on permitting your shoreline uses and structures (see my complete contact information below).

The intent of this letter is to update you on the shoreline permit process Tacoma Power is implementing. We recently completed a comprehensive survey of shoreline uses at Lake Cushman and Lake Kokanee. The survey was a necessary component of implementing Tacoma Power’s Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) for our Cushman Hydroelectric Project and a requirement by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Most waterfront lessees were mailed a survey questionnaire form in 2014; we thank you for helping us by completing and returning the form.

Though your lot was identified as one without any shoreline uses or structures, we’d like to share our current status with you in case you are planning any shoreline work or consider it in the future. Tacoma Power is currently preparing a streamlined, step-by-step permitting process to assist lessees in legally installing shoreline structures. As part of the process improvements, we are working on better communication of the Shoreline Use Permit (SUP) requirements. The attached document is an example of the communication improvements we are creating; it illustrates the areas where a Shoreline Use Permit is required.

If you are planning any shoreline work, it is important that you first contact Tacoma Power directly. Please be aware that aside from needing a Shoreline Use Permit from Tacoma Power, most shoreline uses and structures will also require regulatory permits from additional agencies prior to the commencement of any work. Tacoma Power is committed to working with you should you choose to pursue a shoreline use or structure.

Feel free to contact me at (253) 441-4180 / wwright@cityoftacoma.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Wynnae Wright
Shoreline and Lands Coordinator

Enclosure (Lake Cushman/Lake Kokanee shoreline diagram)