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Dear Ms. Kramer:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is excited about the upgrades to the fish ladder viewing area at Lake Washington Ship Canal (Locks). The Corps currently has a cooperative agreement with Discover Your Northwest (DYNW) that established boundaries for their areas of responsibility; in other words, it operates a site control boundary for the Visitor Center at the Locks. DYNW is currently working on exhibit designs to improve the Locks' Fish Ladder Viewing Area. They approached us recently with a request to amend or create a new agreement to include this area within their site control boundaries to incorporate the exhibit work currently in the works.

The Corps and DYNW are committed to working together on improvements to the public viewing area portion of the fish ladder facility. The current Cooperative Agreement is scheduled for automatic renewal on September 30, 2021. Renewals run for 10 years and automatically renew unless the parties decide otherwise. We are currently exploring options on how to appropriately incorporate the Fish Ladder Viewing Area within the site control boundary. We are looking into the possibilities of amendments and/or a new agreement that incorporate the Fish Ladder Viewing Area.

At a minimum, the Corps intends to include language in the next agreement that will allow DYNW to have the same site control that exists in the current Cooperative Agreement. Furthermore, this next agreement will cover the duration of the Heritage Capital Projects' Program Implementation and Monitoring. The Corps will have this agreement executed prior to the Washington State Legislature passing the 2019-2021 Biennial Capital Budget.

The Corps is fortunate to have DYNW as such a proactive, industrious partner. We look forward to many years of working together to provide great visitor experiences at the Locks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy R. Reese", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

AMY R. REESE, P. E.
Chief, Operations Division