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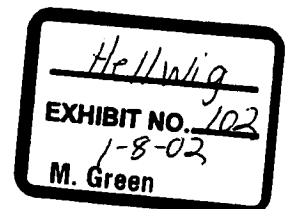
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Folks,

I realize that this is probably a day or two late (and more than a buck short) but I wanted to at least run this draft by all of you for your thoughts and review. This is specific to ACC. Any additional players will require an update and new thoughts.

Please spindle, fold and mutilate as you see fit.....

Curt



Talking Points: Third Runway 401 Permit Appeal

We are not surprised by the Airport Communities Coalition's appeal of the water quality permit we issued to the Port of Seattle to construct a third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

The ACC already announced they intended to appeal our permit to the state Pollution Control Hearings Board the day our agency issued it.

We are disappointed by the Coalition's action because we are confident our permit is scientifically sound, technically feasible and legally defensible.

Our water quality certification meets the environmental protection standards set by state and federal law.

As the state environmental protection agency, we must have reasonable assurance that the proposed third runway would not cause degradation to the surrounding environment. We are more than satisfied we achieved this goal.

For instance, we have approved the Port's extensive stormwater control measures that will protect the water quality in Des Moines, Miller and Walker creeks and improve the aquatic habitat in Miller Creek.

These same stormwater control measures will also help maintain adequate year-round stream flows in these important salmon-bearing creeks.

A new 60-acre wetland will be created next to the Green River in Auburn, creating valuable new aquatic wildlife habitat.

Besides approving the permit submitted to us by the Port, we also added a few minor adjustments to make the environmental protections complete.

For example, we are requiring that the 17 million cubic yards of fill still needed to complete the third runway will be monitored to be sure contaminants are not brought in that could damage the water quality the three creeks and surrounding wetlands.

The Port will also fund three to five new positions at Ecology. These new employees will make sure the Port complies with the terms of the water quality permit as construction of the third runway goes forward.

We are proud of our decision and we are ready to defend our action before the Board.

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