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City of Spokane  
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Spokane, WA 99201

Subject: Shorelines Letter of Exemption for the Ice Rink/SkyRide Geotechnical Investigations

Dear Ms. Palmquist:

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department is requesting a shorelines exemption for geotechnical investigations to gain subsurface knowledge that is a prerequisite to permitting the design and construction of a new Ice Rink/SkyRide that replaces the existing ice rink located at Riverfront Park's Pavilion. The exemption request is based on Spokane Municipal Code 17.E.60.300(B)(13):

*"Site exploration and investigation activities that are prerequisite to preparation of an application for development authorization under these shoreline regulations if:*

- a. the activity does not interfere with the normal public use of the surface waters;*
- b. the activity will have no significant adverse impact on the environment, including but not limited to fish, wildlife, fish or wildlife habitat, water quality, and aesthetic values;*
- c. the activity does not involve the installation of any structure and, upon the completion of the activity, the vegetation and land configuration of the site are restored to conditions existing before the activity;*
- d. a private entity seeking development authorization under this section first posts a performance bond or provides other evidence of financial responsibility to the City of Spokane to ensure that the site will be restored to preexisting conditions; and*
- e. the activity is not subject to the permit requirements of RCW 90.58.550."*

Included in this shorelines exemption request are:

- Cover letter requesting a Shorelines Exemption
- City of Spokane Planning Services Department, Shoreline/Critical Areas Checklist
- SEPA Environmental Checklist
- Photographs of the site (shown in following pages)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this exemption request.

Sincerely,

  
Berry Ellison  
Program Manager of Riverfront Park Bond

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