

1 **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**
2 **AMONG**
3 **COMMANDER, NAVY REGION NORTHWEST,**
4 **AND**
5 **THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER,**
6 **AND THE**
7 **THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
8 **REGARDING THE EA-18G “GROWLER” AIRFIELD OPERATIONS,**
9 **NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND,**
10 **ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**
11 **2018**

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13 WHEREAS, Commander, Navy Region Northwest (hereinafter “Navy”) proposes to increase the
14 number of aircraft stationed at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island and the number airfield
15 operations at both Ault Field and Outlying Field (OLF) Coupeville (Undertaking); and

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17 WHEREAS, Navy will continue to implement its current operational mitigation practices to
18 avoid and minimize noise impacts on the surrounding communities as feasible; and

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20 WHEREAS, Navy has determined that the proposed Undertaking has the potential to cause
21 effects on historic properties subject to review under section 106 of the National Historic
22 Preservation Act (hereinafter “NHPA”) 54 U.S.C. § 306108, and its implementing regulations,
23 36 C.F.R. § 800; and

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25 WHEREAS, Navy invited the Advisory Council on Historic Properties (ACHP) to participate in
26 the entire section 106 process under Subpart B of 36 CFR § 800 and the ACHP agreed to
27 participate in the entire process; and

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29 WHEREAS, Navy established the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the Undertaking consistent
30 with 36 C.F.R. § 800.16(d), by taking into consideration the following three components of the
31 Undertaking:

- 32 • On-installation Direct Effect Area: Areas on the installation where historic properties
33 could be directly affected (e.g., by ground disturbance, demolition, or alteration).
- 34 • On-installation Indirect Effect Area: Areas within the installation bounded by the 65 dB
35 Day Night Sound Level (DNL) noise contours where historic properties could be disturbed
36 by the introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible elements.
- 37 • Off-installation Indirect Effect Area: Areas off installation but within operational areas
38 bounded by the 65 DNL noise contours (i.e. introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible
39 elements), including the Central Whidbey Island Historic District; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Central Whidbey Island Historic was determined eligible for listing in the
42 National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1973, and the 1978 National Parks and
43 Recreation Act designated the area of the historic district the Ebey’s Landing National Historic
44 Reserve (ELNHR) for the purposes of protecting a rural community and its significant history

46 WHEREAS, the ELNHR is the first historical reserve in the National Park System and is
47 managed by a Trust Board through coordination of the four land managing partners who have a
48 preservation and/or management interest in the Reserve: The National Park Service (hereinafter
49 “NPS”), Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Town of Coupeville
50 (hereinafter “Coupeville”), and Island County; and

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52 WHEREAS, Navy determined that the Undertaking will result in indirect adverse effects to the
53 Central Whidbey Island Historic District, as a result of more frequent aircraft operations
54 affecting certain landscape components of the historic district, specifically perceptual qualities
55 that currently make the Historic District eligible for the NRHP; and

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57 WHEREAS, Navy has consulted with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer
58 (SHPO) on the determination of effect, and SHPO concurred on June 27, 2018; and

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60 WHEREAS, Navy has consulted with Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit
61 Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, the Lummi Nation, the
62 Tulalip Tribes of Washington, and the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe who expressed no concerns
63 about the Undertaking; and

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65 WHEREAS, Navy has consulted with Trust Board of Ebey’s Landing National Historical
66 Reserve (hereinafter “Trust Board”), NPS, Island County Commissioners (hereinafter
67 “Commissioners”), Coupeville, City of Port Townsend (hereinafter “Port Townsend”),
68 Washington State Parks, Seattle Pacific University, the Citizens of Ebey’s Reserve (hereinafter
69 “COER”), and Mr. David Day; and

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71 WHEREAS, Navy has made information about its NHPA section 106 review of the Undertaking
72 available to the public during NEPA public meetings, as well as on the EIS website, and provided
73 opportunity for comments per 36 C.F.R. §800.5(d) and §800.8; and

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75 WHEREAS, in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.6(a)(1), Navy notified the ACHP of the adverse
76 effect determination, providing the specified documentation, and the ACHP has chosen to
77 continue to participate in the consultation pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.6(a)(1)(iii); and

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79 WHEREAS, Navy invited Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe,
80 Samish Indian Nation, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, the Lummi Nation, the Tulalip Tribes of
81 Washington, and the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe to participate in the development of this MOA;
82 and

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84 WHEREAS, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Samish Indian
85 Nation, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, and the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe did not express an
86 interest to actively participate, but request review of final MOA and the Lummi Nation and the
87 Tulalip Tribes of Washington did not respond to Navy’s invitation to consult on the development
88 of this MOA; and

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90 WHEREAS, Navy invited the Trust Board, NPS, Commissioners, Coupeville, Port Townsend,
91 Washington State Parks, Seattle Pacific University, COER, and Mr. David Day to participate in
92 the development of this MOA; and

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94 WHEREAS, the Trust Board, NPS, Commissioners, Coupeville, Port Townsend, COER, and Mr.
95 David Day agreed to participate; and

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97 NOW, THEREFORE, Navy, SHPO, ACHP, and NPS, as the signatory parties, agree that the
98 following stipulations resolve Adverse Effects to Historic Properties caused by the undertaking
99 in compliance with the NHPA and that the stipulations govern all aspects of the Undertaking
100 unless this MOA expires or is terminated.

101 102 STIPULATIONS

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104 Navy will ensure that the following stipulations are implemented and carried out under the
105 supervision of a cultural resource professional(s) meeting the Secretary of the Interior (SOI)
106 Professional Qualifications as defined in 36 C.F.R. Part 61.

107 108 I) MITIGATION OF ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE UNDERTAKING

109 A) **Landscape Preservation**

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111 Navy will provide NPS with funds, not to exceed \$250,000, to support preservation of
112 landscape components in the five identified contributing landscapes of the Central Whidbey
113 Island Historic District where an indirect adverse effect was identified within the area of
114 substantive change in noise exposure, as defined in the consensus determination of adverse
115 effect dated June 26, 2018.

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117 1) Preservation projects that enhance landscape integrity in proximity to the five
118 contributing views identified as being adversely affected in the determination of
119 effect will be eligible for preservation funding under this provision.
 - 120 2) Preservation projects must comply with the eligibility criteria of the Ebey's Forever
121 Heritage Grant Program.
 - 122 3) Prior to transfer of funds a plan for meeting funding requirements under this MOA
123 will be provided to the Navy for review to ensure legal requirements for transfer of
124 funds are met including:
 - 125 i. Providing specific and certain information about landscape eligibility components
126 for preservation projects under Ebey's Forever Heritage Grant Program, the
127 location of the components, and details on the preservation services to be
128 performed.
 - 129 ii. Plan for funds transferred to be obligated within the same fiscal year. Funds
130 which are unexpended at the conclusion of the fiscal year shall be returned to the
131 Navy.
 - 132 4) When preservation funds are transferred, Navy will fund a Navy staff member to
133 support preservation projects planned, not to exceed the equivalent of a GS-9, step 1
134 federal pay grade.
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136 **B) Cultural Landscape Inventory**

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138 Within four years of the execution of this agreement Navy will provide NPS with funds, not
139 to exceed \$125,000, to complete a professional cultural landscape inventory and assessment
140 of the condition of cultural landscape resources and integrity of the ten landscape character
141 areas defined in the Central Whidbey Island Historic District 1997 Nomination Addendum.

- 142 1) Prior to transfer of funds NPS will coordinate with the Reserve to develop a scope of
143 work and execution plan for project goals and with the Navy to ensure legal
144 requirements for transfer of funds are met.
145 2) All funds transferred will be obligated within the same fiscal year.
146 3) The results of this inventory will serve as a baseline for future inventories and
147 evaluations.

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149 **C) Southern Gateway**

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151 Within four years of the execution of the agreement Navy will provide NPS with funds, not
152 to exceed \$75,000, to complete the design, construction, and installation of a southern
153 gateway entry sign to the ELNHR.

- 154 1) Prior to transfer of funds NPS will coordinate with the Reserve to develop a scope of
155 work and execution plan on project goals and with the Navy to ensure legal
156 requirements for transfer of funds are met.
157 2) NPS will provide Navy opportunity to participate in the development of the portion of
158 the gateway exhibit referencing Navy history and/or current aviation use at Outlying
159 Field Coupeville with the goal to provide context to visitors explaining the presence
160 of Navy lands and aircraft in the ELNHR.
161 3) All funds transferred will be obligated within the same fiscal year.

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163 **D) Historic Preservation Easements**

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165 In fiscal year 2020, Navy will seek partnership opportunities through the Readiness and
166 Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program to support the creation of scenic
167 easements. Navy will communicate its support for appropriate conservation easements to
168 DoD officials, but cannot guarantee the outcome of the REPI process.

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170 **E) Navy Volunteer Collaboration**

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172 Navy will communicate to NASWI personnel that volunteer opportunities exist in ELNHR
173 for Sailors to take part in the restoration and care of the reserve.

- 174 1) Sailors seeking to improve their communities often volunteer their time and energy to
175 projects and causes. The Navy does not mandate volunteerism, but does
176 communicate community needs to interested Sailors.
177 2) NASWI will connect interested volunteers with the needs of the reserve through the
178 NASWI Command Master Chief, who will communicate directly with NPS and
179 ELNHR to understand the Reserve's schedule and needs and match those needs with
180 volunteer Sailors.

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182 **ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

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184 I) **DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS**

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186 A) Should any signatory party to this MOA object at any time to any actions proposed or the
187 manner in which the terms of this MOA are implemented, the party shall notify Navy in
188 writing, and Navy shall consult with the parties to the PA to resolve the objection. If
189 Navy determines that such objection cannot be resolved, Navy will:

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191 1) Forward all documentation relevant to the dispute, including Navy’s proposed
192 resolution, to the ACHP. The ACHP shall provide Navy with its advice on the
193 resolution of the objection within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving adequate
194 documentation.

195 (i) Prior to reaching a final decision on the dispute, Navy shall prepare a written
196 response that takes into account any timely advice or comments regarding the
197 dispute from the ACHP and/or signatories, and provide them with a copy of this
198 written response. Navy will then proceed according to its final decision.
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200 2) If the ACHP does not provide its advice regarding the dispute within the thirty (30)
201 calendar day time period, Navy may make a final decision on the dispute and proceed
202 accordingly.

203 (i) Prior to reaching such a final decision, Navy shall prepare a written response that
204 takes into account any timely comments regarding the dispute from the
205 signatories to the MOA, and provide them and the ACHP with a copy of such
206 written response.
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208 B) Navy's ability and responsibility to carry out all other components of the Undertaking not
209 subject to the dispute shall remain unchanged.
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212 II) **ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT**

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214 A) The Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341, prohibits federal agencies from incurring an
215 obligation of funds in advance of or in excess of available appropriations. Accordingly,
216 the Signatory Parties agree that any requirement for the obligation of funds arising from
217 the terms of this MOA will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds for that
218 purpose. The Stipulations contained in this MOA will not be interpreted as requiring the
219 obligation or expenditure of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act.
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221 B) If compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act impairs Navy's ability to implement the
222 Stipulations of this MOA, Navy will consult with the Signatory Parties to determine if an
223 amendment is necessary to fully satisfy the stipulation herein.
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225 III) **AMENDMENTS**

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227 This MOA may be amended when such an amendment is agreed to in writing by all
228 signatories. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy signed by all of the
229 signatories is filed with the ACHP.

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231 IV) TERMINATION

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233 A) If any signatory to this MOA determines that its terms will not or cannot be carried out,
234 that party shall immediately consult with the other parties to attempt to develop an
235 amendment per Stipulation IV, above. If within thirty (30) calendar days (or another time
236 period agreed to by all signatories) an amendment cannot be reached, any signatory may
237 terminate the MOA upon written notification to the other signatories.

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239 B) Once the MOA is terminated, and prior to work continuing on the undertaking, Navy
240 must either (a) execute an MOA pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.6 or (b) request, take into
241 account, and respond to the comments of the ACHP under 36 C.F.R. § 800.7. Navy shall
242 notify the signatories as to the course of action it will pursue.

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244 V) COORDINATION

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246 Navy will ensure that each Signatory and Concurring Party is provided a copy of the fully
247 executed MOA within thirty (30) calendar days of executing the MOA.

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249 VI) POST REVIEW DISCOVERY

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251 If during the performance of the undertaking or in the course performance of the
252 stipulations in this MOA previously unknown historic properties are discovered or
253 unanticipated effects on historic properties found, Navy shall immediately implement the
254 Inadvertent Discovery Plan (Appendix B).

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256 VII) DURATION

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258 This MOA will expire if its terms are not carried out within five (5) years from the date
259 of its execution. Prior to such time, Navy may consult with the other signatories to
260 reconsider the terms of the MOA and amend it in accordance with Stipulation IV above.

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262 Execution of this MOA by Navy, SHPO, and the ACHP and implementation of its terms
263 evidence that Navy has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties
264 and afforded the ACHP an opportunity to comment.

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SIGNATORIES:

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

By: _____ Date: _____
CHRISTOPHER GRAY, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander, Navy Region Northwest

By: _____ Date: _____
MATHEW ARNY, Captain, U.S. Navy
Commander, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

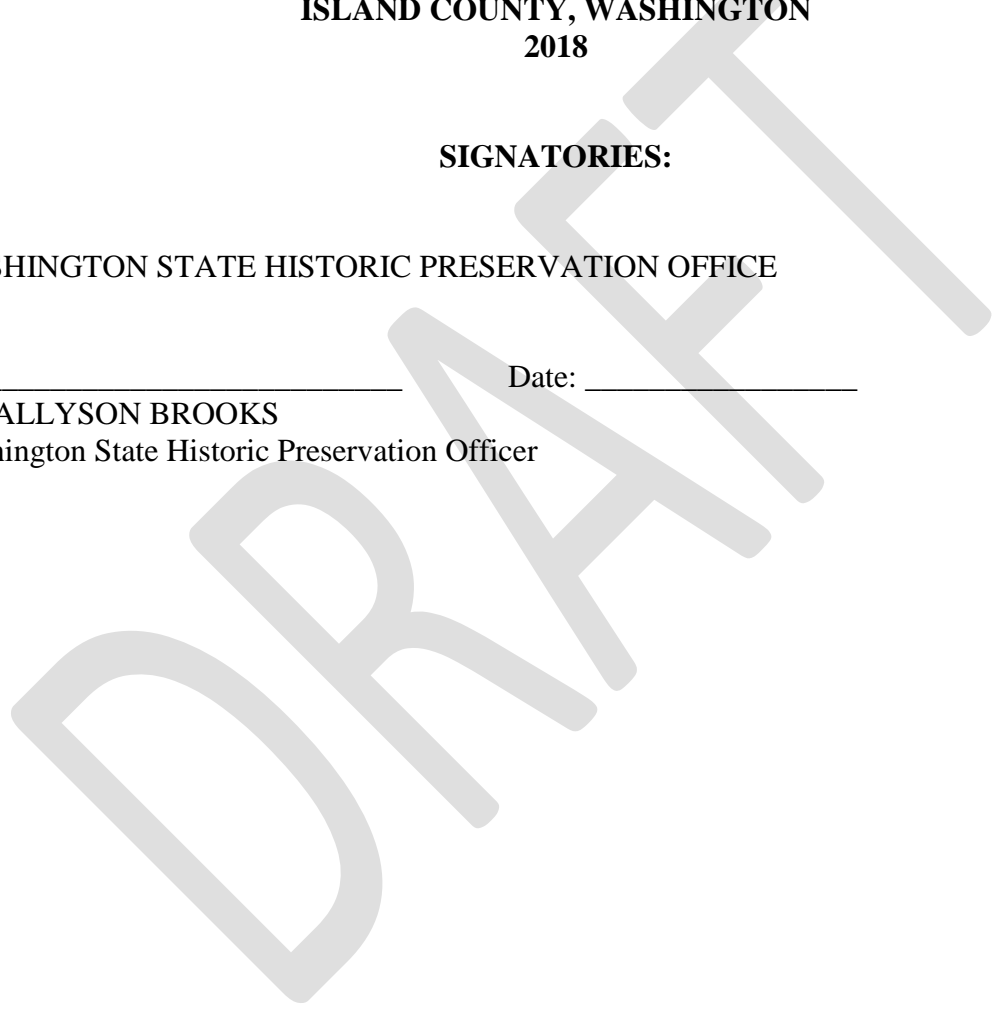
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By: _____ Date: _____
DR. ALLYSON BROOKS
Washington State Historic Preservation Officer



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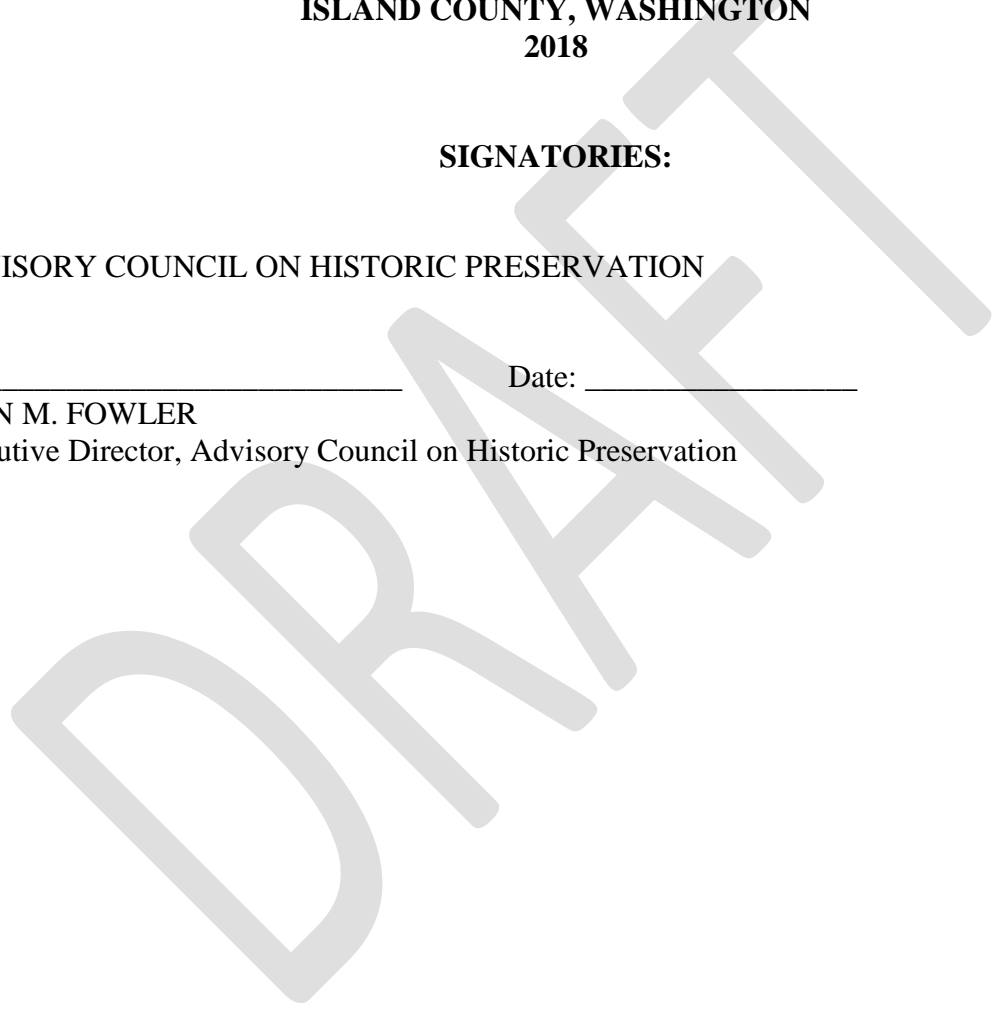
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Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation



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355 **CONCURRING PARTIES:**

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357 **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AT EBEBY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE**
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360 By: _____ Date: _____

361 **ROY ZIPP**

362 **Operations Manager, National Park Service at Ebey's National Historical Reserve**
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377 **CONCURRING PARTIES:**

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380 **TRUST BOARD OF EBEBY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE**

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384 KRISTEN GRIFFIN
385 General Manager, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
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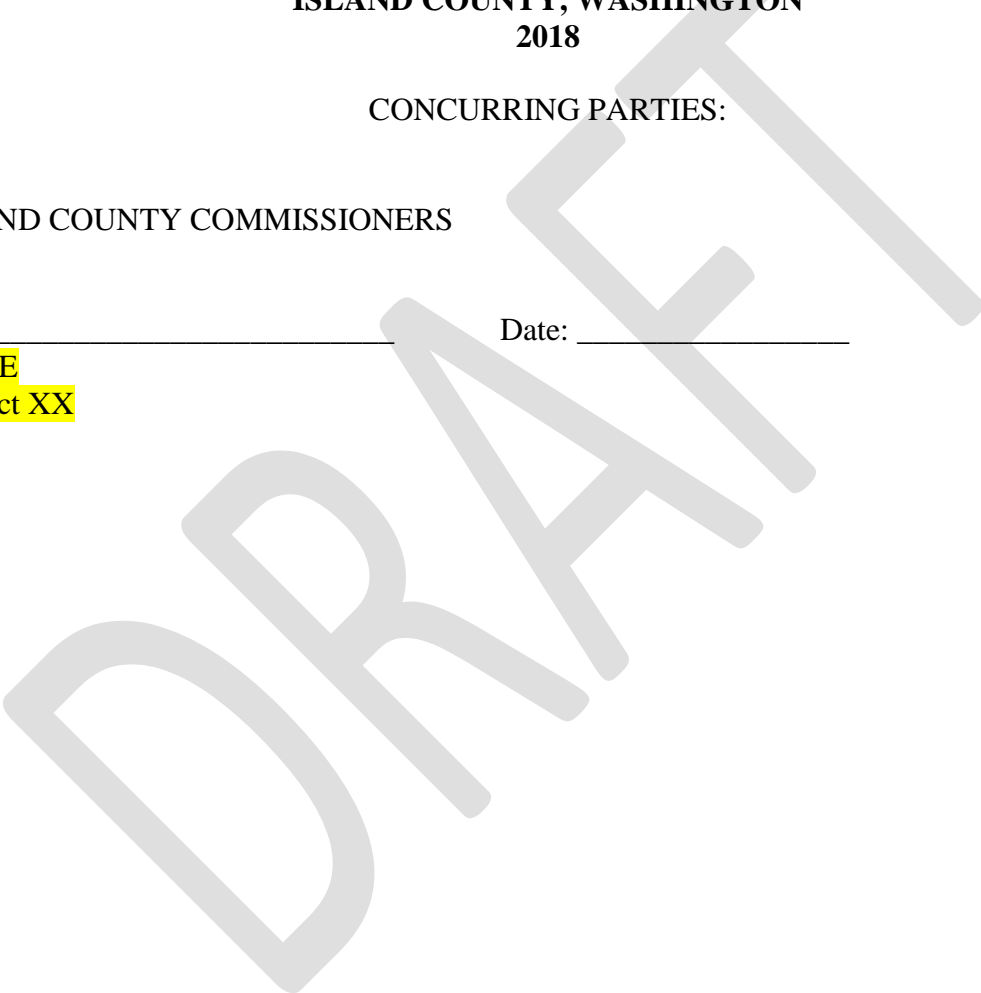
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CONCURRING PARTIES:

ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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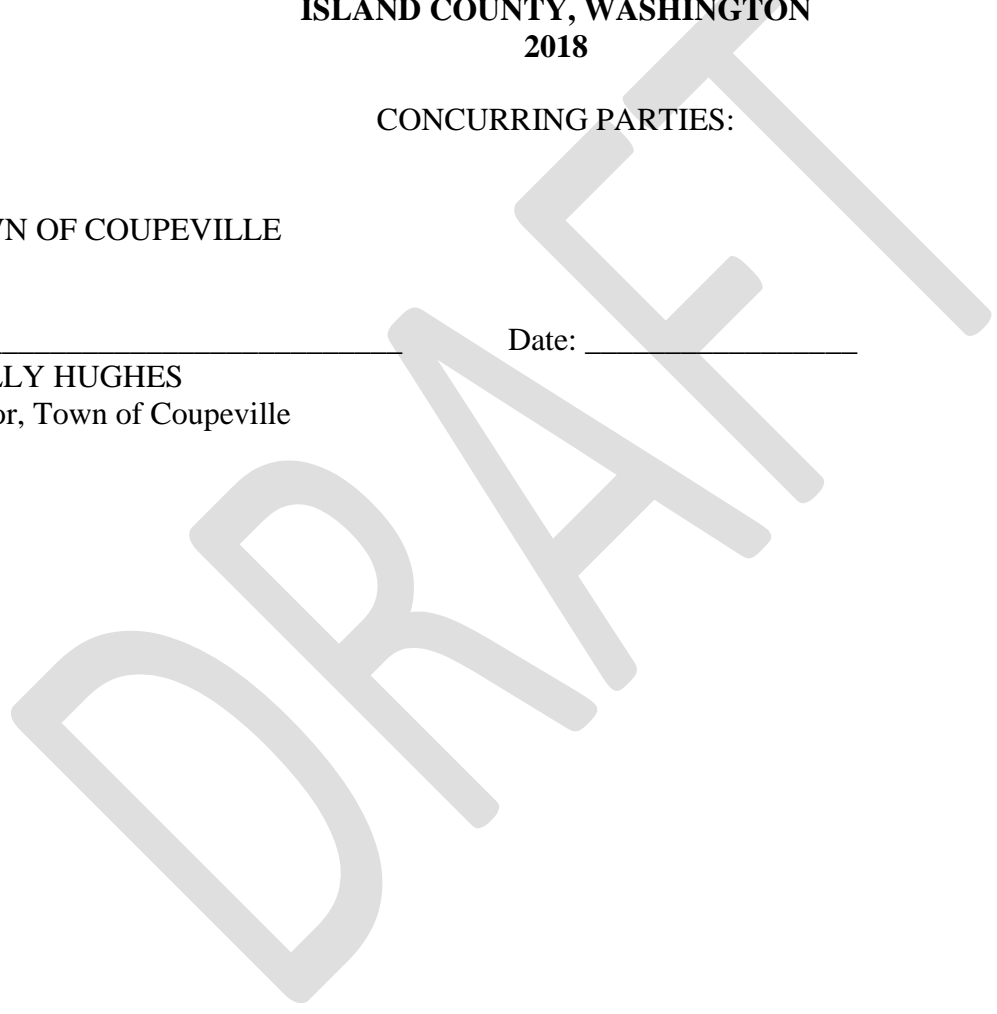
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CONCURRING PARTIES:

TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

By: _____ Date: _____
MOLLY HUGHES
Mayor, Town of Coupeville



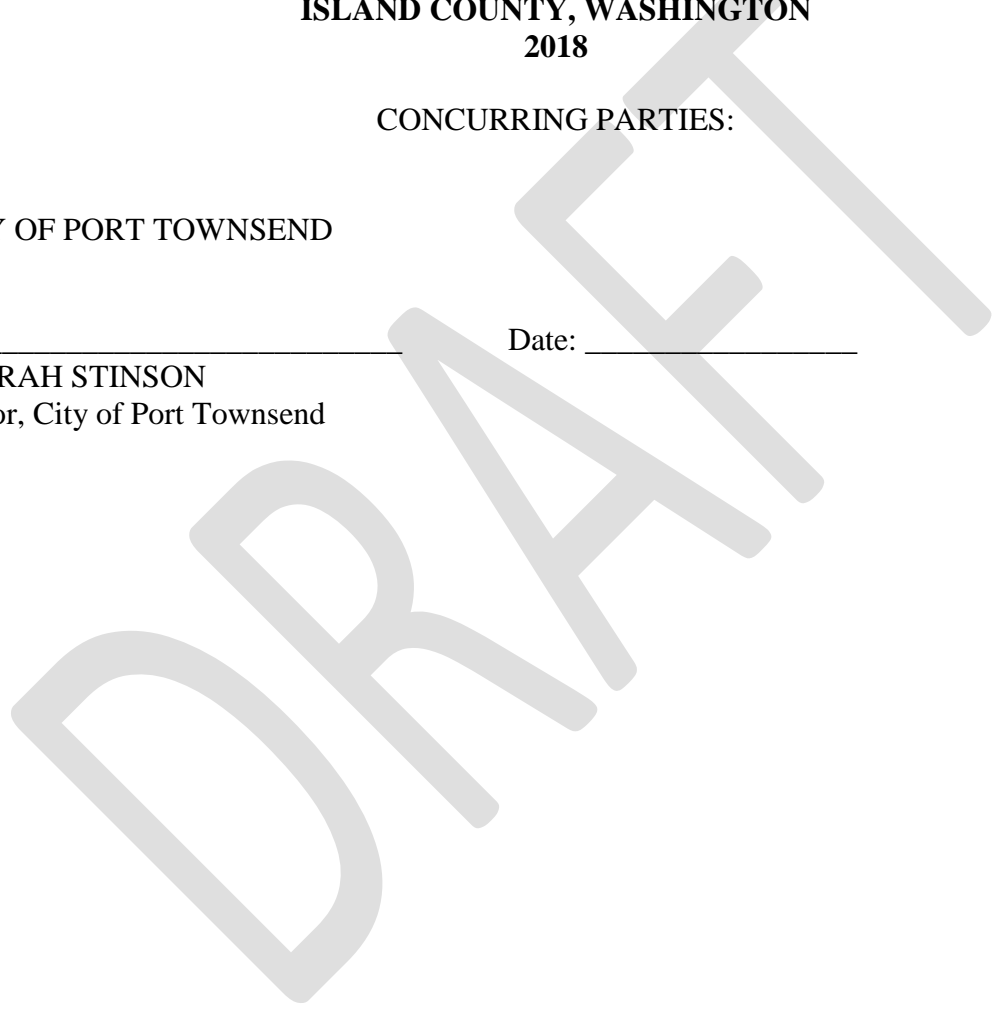
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CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND

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DEBRAH STINSON
Mayor, City of Port Townsend



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469 **CONCURRING PARTIES:**

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472 **CONCERNED CITIZEN OF COUPEVILLE**

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476 DAVID DAY

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CONCURRING PARTIES:

CITIZENS OF EBEBY'S RESERVE

By: _____ Date: _____
[NAME]

