



Declaration of Cooperation

Mouth of the Columbia River- Regional Sediment Management Plan

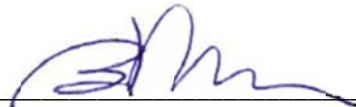
We the undersigned support the attached *Mouth of the Columbia River Regional Sediment Management Plan* and believe it represents a positive result of a collaborative effort over several years to recognize and accommodate the interests of many stakeholders.

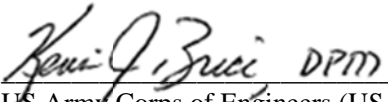
While support for this plan does *not* constitute regulatory approval or legally binding commitments, we wish to express our support for the collaborative process the Lower Columbia Solutions Group has undertaken to compose the plan and its specific goals:

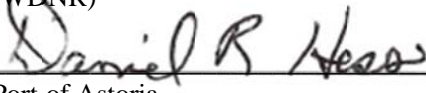
- Providing a regional approach to sediment management planning for the MCR;
- Keeping sand in the littoral zone;
- Helping protect the MCR jetties;
- Avoiding unacceptable risks for navigational safety; and
- Not adversely affecting important biological species.


We resolve to continue working together towards furtherance of implementation of the elements of this regional plan so that it can successfully meet the above goals, including the establishment of four new sediment dispersal sites, a Research and Monitoring program, and an Adaptive Management program.


Lower Columbia Solutions Group (LCSG)



Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)



US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

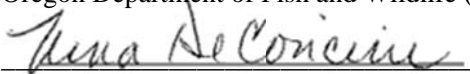

Port of Astoria

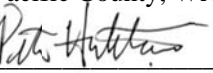

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Port of Ilwaco

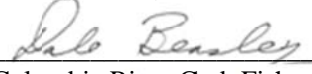

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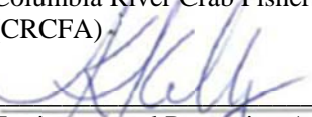

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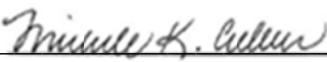

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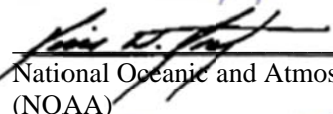

Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (ODLCD)


Columbia River Crab Fishers Association (CRCFA)


WA Department of Ecology (WDOE)


Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)


Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)


National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)


US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)