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San Francisco, CA 94123

Subject: Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project, Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Dear Ms. Muldoon:

Thank you for your June 23, 2017, letter continuing consultation with regard to the proposed undertaking at Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The National Park Service (NPS) is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), as amended, and its implementing regulation at 36 CFR Part 800. Along with the letter, NPS also submitted the draft Schematic Design Package dated May 22, 2017. In subsequent correspondence, NPS also indicated some relevant portions of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) dated January 2017.

NPS also conducted Native American consultation with the federally recognized Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR) and several non-federally recognized tribal groups and individuals. NPS intends to negotiate tribal and archaeological monitoring of ground disturbing activities at Fort Baker with FIGR.

The proposed undertaking, as described, involves identifying a sustainable, stable, and visible San Francisco-based embarkation site for ferry service to Alcatraz Island, which would also include potential secondary ferry transit services for cross-bay connections. In the FEIS, NPS eliminated access to Fort Mason but still intends to introduce service to Fort Baker on a limited basis. The preferred alternative retains Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation at Pier 31 ½ and proposes the following specific elements.

- Replace the existing single dock and gangway with two parallel floating docks and a third berth to accommodate increasing capacity and service to Fort Baker;
- Reorganize queueing area, including replacing existing canopies with concrete canopies and adding seating, booths, interpretive panels, and information display;
- Add new ticket windows to the north façade of the Pier 33 Bulkhead Building, restore historic windows and remove post-1949 additions to the same building;

- Modify interior space of Pier 33 Bulkhead Building to accommodate interpretative retail, restrooms, storage, office space, and ticketing areas, including demolishing most of the second floor;
- Replacing seating and interpretive display with a seatwall and monument sign in the center of Pier 31 ½;
- Modifying the interior of the Pier 31 Bulkhead Building by constructing a café, space for food preparation, storage, restrooms, and adding a mezzanine-level mechanical platform above the restroom;
- At Fort Baker, repair and rehabilitation of the existing Mine Wharf and constructing a new gangway and float beside the Mine Wharf, requiring four new piles, four new steel guide piles, and replacement of existing fender piles, asphalt on the deck of the wharf, and guardrails.

The SHPO offered comments on the Area of Potential Effect (APE) in previous correspondence. Known historic properties within the APE that have the potential to be affected by the preferred alternative include:

- Port of San Francisco Embarcadero Historic District, including Piers 31 and 33 but not 31 ½; Pier 33 Bulkhead Building and Transit Shed; Pier 31 Bulkhead Building and Transit Shed;
- Fort Baker Historic District, including the Mine Wharf; and

NPS identified four archaeological sites within the APE, but none is within 0.5 miles of the project locations and will be avoided. NPS designed this undertaking as a rehabilitation treatment of these historic properties and intends to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. NPS identified the character defining features of these historic properties, analyzed the effects of the undertaking on them, and proposes a Finding of No Adverse Effect.

After reviewing the information submitted, the SHPO has no objection to a Finding of No Adverse Effect. Thank you for seeking SHPO comments and considering historic properties as part of your project planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Beason, State Historian, at (916) 445-4047 or mark.beason@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer