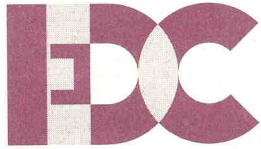


SKAMANIA COUNTY

Economic Development Council



October 2, 2006

Jason Spadaro
Broughton Lumber Company
P.O. Box 266
Bingen, WA 98605

Re: Broughton Landing Development

Dear Jason,

The Skamania County Economic Development Council supports Broughton Lumber in its request for a Plan Amendment that would allow redevelopment of the former Broughton Lumber Mill Site into a recreation focused resort.

Skamania County continues to transition its economy to a more stable and diversified base. Tourism is an important part of the County's Economic Diversification Strategy; however, a limited supply of developable land and inadequate infrastructure severely limit the County's ability to develop tourism and recreation facilities.

The SCEDC believes this project presents a unique opportunity to create jobs and expand the County's tax base while improving the scenic beauty of the Gorge by converting a dilapidated lumber mill site into a world-class recreation resort.

The density allowed in the current Commercial Recreation Zone within the Gorge does not allow for an economically viable development on the site. Approval of a Plan Amendment would serve both purposes of the Act by improving scenic and cultural resources, and supporting and enhancing the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Peggy Bryan'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Peggy Bryan
Executive Director