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WSDOT Olympic Region
Attn: Bonnie Jill Kramer
Project Engineer

Dear Ms. Kramer,

Our office has reviewed WSDOT's deviation request for the Heron St. bridge to support bridge maintenance. The subject bridge crosses Wishkah River at river mile 0.2, in Aberdeen WA. WSDOT is authorized to temporarily deviate from the drawbridge operation regulations 33 CFR §117.1065 that governs the Heron St. drawbridge. The Heron St. drawbridge need not open the draw span for mariners from 0600, March 1, 2027, through 1800, August 27, 2027. Additionally, we understand that the draw will not be able to open for vessels engaged in emergency response operations during this closure period. The U.S. Coast Guard will announce the temporary change to the bridge operating regulation in the Local Notice to Mariners. WSDOT is responsible for advertising bridge closure times in the local news.

This deviation may not be changed or extended without written approval from the U.S. Coast Guard. This temporary deviation is conditional and may be withdrawn at any time if the U.S. Coast Guard determines that the safety of human life, the environment, or the needs of navigation become endangered. In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time-period. The imposition of civil penalties may result in failure to ensure that all requirements of this temporary deviation are followed in their entirety. Please contact Danny McReynolds at danny.g.mcreynolds@uscg.mil or Steve Fischer at steven.m.fischer3@uscg.mil if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

STEVE FISCHER
District Bridge Manager
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction

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