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SUPPORT: Project Macoma's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Wastewater Discharge Permit

Dear Ms. Garbush:

Thank you for the Department of Ecology's continued attention to the health of our natural environment and to the department's forthcoming determination regarding Project Macoma. On behalf of Isometric, I strongly urge Ecology to issue Project Macoma a final NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permit.

Isometric is a carbon credit certification platform with a mission to rebuild trust in carbon markets. We create the highest possible standards for carbon removal — reviewed by more than 200 leading scientists — and certify carbon credits so companies can buy the world's most scientifically rigorous carbon credits.

Permanently removing CO_2 from the atmosphere is necessary to keep global warming below 1.5°C or 2.0°C above pre industrial levels to avert the worst consequences of climate change. Washington State, its communities, and economy are particularly vulnerable to the effects of both climate change and coastal acidification. Innovative, science-based pilot projects like Project Macoma are sorely needed to advance rigorous research and development solving for these existential threats. The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine have emphasized that pilot projects like Project Macoma are critical for advancing the field of marine carbon dioxide removal.

For over two years, Ebb Carbon has engaged independent experts, scientists, NGOs, local stakeholders and Tribes throughout the state of Washington to ensure Project Macoma can operate safely and responsibly while delivering benefits to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important matter and for Ecology's continued dedication to protecting communities and ecosystems from the worst impacts of climate change.

Sincerely,

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