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Dear Ms. Snow:

The Office for Coastal Management (OCM) has completed its review of the Oregon Coastal Management Program's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2025 Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Section 309 Final Assessment and Strategy. We received multiple drafts to review from January through October 2020, and received final revisions on November 24, 2020. OCM is pleased to inform you that we approve Oregon's 2021-2025 Assessment and Strategy and concur with the State's designated priority rankings for the nine enhancement areas. With an approved Assessment and Strategy, the Oregon Coastal Management Program is eligible for FY 2021-2025 weighted formula (or base) funds under Section 309 of the CZMA to implement the work plans as presented in Oregon's strategy.

States with approved strategies that address an enhancement area of national importance are also eligible to compete for Projects of Special Merit funding to further their strategies. Coastal Hazards is designated as an enhancement area of national importance for the FY2021-FY2025 enhancement cycle. Therefore, you are currently eligible to apply for competitive Projects of Special Merit funding to further your *Resilience Planning* strategy. OCM may choose to designate additional enhancement areas of national importance during the FY2021-2025 cycle to address new or emerging issues that may arise.

We appreciate the time and effort you and your staff put into this process, as well as your continued support for and participation in the Enhancement Grants Program. OCM looks forward to working together to achieve the strategy goals you have set for Oregon over the next five years. Again, we offer our congratulations.

Sincerely,

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