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Ms. Sharon Paskewitz Housing Director Samish Indian Nation PO Box 217 Anacortes, WA 98221-0217

Dear Ms. Paskewitz:

## Subject: **Review of Annual Performance Report** Program Year Ended December 31, 2019 Grant Number: 55IT5313870

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), at Section 404, as amended, requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assess, at least annually, each recipient's performance under the Act. This letter is to inform the Samish Indian Nation (Tribe) that HUD has completed the review of the Tribe's Annual Performance Report (APR) for the program year ended December 31, 2019. The review was designed to evaluate the APR and provide comments to recipients on data quality and overall performance. The following performance measures were considered:

Whether the Tribe:

- carried out its eligible activities in a timely manner;
- carried out its eligible activities and certifications in accordance with the requirements and the primary objectives of NAHASDA and with other applicable laws;
- has continuing capacity to carry out activities;
- complied with the Indian Housing Plan (IHP); and
- submitted an accurate APR.

The Northwest Office of Native American Programs' (NwONAP) review was limited to an examination of the APR submission and information readily available and would not necessarily disclose all deficiencies or matters of noncompliance. NwONAP's review disclosed that the APR is complete, and the Tribe has complied with the IHP in carrying out its eligible activities in a timely manner. The review did not disclose any deficiencies or noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations; therefore, NwONAP offers no recommendations.

NwONAP congratulates the Tribe on its achievements and its participation in the Indian Housing Block Grant program. NwONAP looks forward to working with the Tribe to provide any technical assistance that may be necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Sexton, Grants Evaluation Specialist, at (206) 220-6165, or by email at Andrea.R.Sexton@hud.gov; or Katie Wilson, Grants Management Specialist, at (206) 220-6219, or by email at Katherine.T.Wilson@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

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Julie Kander, Director Grants Evaluation Division

cc: The Honorable Thomas Wooten