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**Glacier Northwest agrees to short delay in Maury Island barge loading dock construction
Company requests meeting with Lands Commissioner Goldmark to discuss collaboration**

SEATTLE -- This afternoon, Glacier Northwest thanked Commissioner Goldmark for a quick response to the company's letter sent earlier today.

The company also informed the commissioner that it will delay for four days the recommencement of construction of its new barge loading dock on Maury Island.

This delay acknowledges that the company's response to the commissioners' July letter was delayed four days beyond Glacier's request for more time to reply. This request was based on the technical complexity of the commissioner's requests and the company's desire to provide a careful and complete response.

Glacier Vice President Mark Leatham also requested a meeting with Commissioner Goldmark.

"While we think the letter speaks for itself, we have always been willing to discuss with you and the department how we can best meet the intent of the Maury Island Management Plan," Leatham wrote to the commissioner. "We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you as quickly as possible to discuss our collaboration."

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