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August 29, 2012

The Honorable Marc Boldt, Chair
Clark County Board of Commissioners
Clark County Public Service Center
1300 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA 98666

**RE: Final Ecology Approval of Clark County Shoreline Master Program
Comprehensive Update**

Dear Commissioner Boldt:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Clark County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Clark County community for completing this comprehensive update. We know this has been a long and challenging process. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the SMP update took place between Ecology and the County:

- March 1, 2012 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (adopted by Ordinance No. 2011-11-14).
- June 27, 2012 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- August 1, 2012 – The County sent a letter to Ecology indicating re-adoption and codification of the SMP and agreed to most of Ecology's required and recommended changes. The County proposed alternative language for 2 of the 17 required changes (items 3 and 14) and 4 of the 30 recommended changes (items 5, 10, 22, and 27). Codification eliminated the need for recommended change #4.

Upon review, Ecology finds the County's alternative provisions, codification, and minor editing changes to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes originally proposed by Ecology. The proposed changes are also consistent and with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and applicable rules.



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Ecology therefore approves the County's comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to required and recommended changes including the alternative language shown on the addendums to Attachments B and C. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.

The SMP is effective fourteen days from the date of this letter. This fourteen-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the County's SMP has received final approval. The notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the County for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the County's SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward two clean, hard copies and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Kim Van Zwalenburg at Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures (3)

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