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February 7, 2014

The Honorable John Austin, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
PO Box 1220
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: Final Ecology Approval of Jefferson County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Commissioner Austin:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Jefferson County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comprehensive update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the citizens of Jefferson County for completing the comprehensive update of your SMP. 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, and extensive efforts to ensure protection of the marine ecological resources of Puget Sound and Straits of Juan de Fuca.

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

- April 12, 2010 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (Resolution 77-09).
- January 26, 2011 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's SMP comprehensive update with specific required and recommended changes. Ecology sent a subsequent letter with one required change regarding shoreline jurisdiction.
- December 16, 2013 – The City sent a letter to Ecology accepting 15 of Ecology's required changes and proposed alternative language for the remaining 10 required changes (Ordinance No. 2013-018). In addition, the County accepted all but two recommended changes.

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

Ecology, therefore, approves the County's SMP comprehensive update, together with the revisions specified above. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.



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The effective date of the County's SMP comprehensive update is 14 days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This 14-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 your 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 revisions contained in this correspondence into the County's SMP, and forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the approved SMP to Ecology within 30 days.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Jeffree Stewart, at Jeff.Stewart@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 407-6521.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures

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