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October 24, 2017

The Honorable Gary Stamper
Lewis County Board of County Commissioners
351 N. North Street
Chehalis, WA 98532

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Lewis County Shoreline Master Program
Comprehensive Update**

Dear Commissioner Stamper:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Lewis County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Lewis 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:

- November 10, 2016 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (Resolution No. 16-216).
- August 29, 2017 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- October 19, 2017 – The County sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of Ecology's required and recommended changes (Ordinance 1278).

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Ecology therefore approves the County's comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to required and recommended changes. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.

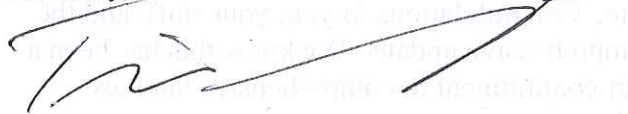
The effective date of the County's comprehensive SMP update is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This fourteen day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

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 a 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/(360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,



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