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September 18, 2017

Commissioner Kevin Shutty, Chair  
Mason County Board of County Commissioners  
411 North Fifth Street  
Shelton, WA 98584

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

Dear Commissioner Shutty:

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

- April 21, 2017 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (adopted as Resolution No. 94-16).
- August 29, 2017 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- September 13, 2017 – The County sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of Ecology's required changes. The County agreed to 29 of the 31 recommended changes while providing alternatives to two recommended changes.

Ecology therefore approves the County's comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to required and 29 recommended changes. Ecology also approves the two alternatives to the recommended changes. 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 comprehensive SMP update is October 2, 2017, 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, Rick Mraz, at [Richard.mraz@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Richard.mraz@ecy.wa.gov)/(360) 407-6221.

Sincerely,



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