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October 16, 2017

Erica Shook, Director
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Re: Final Ecology Approval of the San Juan County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Ms. Shook:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the San Juan County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comprehensive update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the San Juan community 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.

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

- July 17, 2016 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (Ordinance No. 01-2016).
- April 5, 2017– Ecology conditionally approved the County's SMP comprehensive update with specific recommended changes.
- May 9, 2017 – The County sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to 42 of the recommended changes, proposing alternative language to 10 of Ecology's changes and declining 6 of the recommended changes. Ecology informally accepted the proposed changes in a letter dated June 1, 2017.
- October 4, 2017– The County sent a letter to Ecology adopting a revised comprehensive SMP including the County's alternative language to Ecology's recommended changes. (Ordinance 11-2017).

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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.

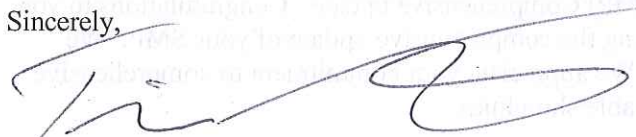
The effective date of the County's SMP comprehensive update is 14 days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This 14-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

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 a 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, Chad Yunge, at Chad.Yunge@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 715-5206.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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