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Washington State Department of Ecology
Ms. Maia D. Bellon, Director
P.O. Box 47600
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RE: Mason County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update Conditional Approval

Dear Director Bellon:

Mason County is in receipt of your letter dated August 29, 2017, giving Mason County Conditional Approval of our Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2)(e), Mason County does hereby agree to all required and recommended changes with two minor exceptions as outlined below. The County requests Ecology's acceptance of these exceptions for Final Approval.

See Attachment C: Ecology Recommended Changes

Item #1. 17.50.020 Definitions

Ecology recommendation: *"It is not a storage container of any kind"*.

Mason County requested change: *"It is not a containerized storage unit"*.

Justification: This could allow small Rubbermaid-like containers in certain circumstances when all other criteria are met.

Item #21. 17.50.340A.10 Shoreline Stabilization

Ecology recommendation: *"Potential sea level rise should be included in these considerations"*.

Mason County requested change: Strike sentence in its entirety.

Justification: There is no requirement or guidance under the Shoreline Management Act to address sea level rise. Mason County does not have the staff or resources to appropriately consider sea level rise during the permitting process.

We would like to thank Department of Ecology staff for all their assistance during the update process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Shutty".

Kevin Shutty
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

cc: Paula Reeves, Mason County Planning Manager