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April 25, 2017

The Honorable Patty Lent
City of Bremerton
345 Sixth Street, Suite 600
Bremerton, WA 98337

**Re: City of Bremerton Shoreline Master Program Limited Amendment –
Conditional Approval, Ordinance 5300**

Dear Mayor Lent:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Bremerton (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed amendments to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). It is obvious that a significant effort was invested by your staff. The amendments make changes to the City's SMP in order to make it consistent with the City's recently updated Comprehensive Plan and incorporate updated provisions from the City's Critical Areas Ordinance. We have completed our review of the proposal for consistency with the Shoreline Management Act and implementing guidelines.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) identified specific changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These required changes are detailed in Attachment B. Additional recommended changes are included in Attachment C. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the City's proposed SMP amendment are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the City may:

- Agree to the proposed changes, or
- Submit an alternative proposal. Ecology will then review the alternative(s) submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the changes originally developed by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur after the City responds to Ecology communicating the City's decision on the required and recommended changes. Ecology's final approval will be in the form of a letter, and will be sent upon receipt of the City's written notification that the required changes are acceptable to the City, or after the City and Ecology have reached an agreement on alternative language that meets the statutory and Guidelines requirements.



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Please provide your written response within 30 days to the Director's Office at the following address:

WA State Department of Ecology
Attention: Director's Office
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

Thank you again for your efforts to continue to improve the City's SMP. We look forward to receiving your written response and concluding this SMP amendment in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss Ecology's proposed changes, please contact our regional planner, Misty Blair, at Misty.Blair@ecy.wa.gov/(425) 649-4309.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures

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