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October 11, 2017

The Honorable David Poucher
City of White Salmon
100 North Main Street
White Salmon, WA 98672

Re: Ecology Approval of White Salmon Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update

Dear Mayor Poucher:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of White Salmon (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed amendments to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) comprehensive update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested by your staff and engaged community. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the City's shorelines.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) finds the City's SMP comprehensive update is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines. Ecology has also worked with City staff to prepare recommended changes to provide further clarity. These changes are primarily based on comments received during Ecology's public comment period and have been reviewed by staff. These recommendations are included in Attachment B – Ecology Recommended Changes. 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 recommended changes, or
- Submit an alternative proposal. Ecology will then review each alternative submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the changes originally submitted by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act (SMA).



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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
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Final Ecology approval will occur after the City responds to Ecology communicating the City's decision on the 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 recommended changes are acceptable to the City, or after the City and Ecology have reached agreement on alternative changes.

The SMP will be effective fourteen days from the date of Ecology's final action. This fourteen-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the City to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the City's SMP has received final approval. The publication of this notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 30-day appeal period. Ecology will provide a copy of the legal ad to the City for its records.

Thank you again for your efforts. 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 recommended changes, please contact our regional planner, Lennard Jordan at Lennard.Jordan@ecy.wa.gov/(509) 457-7125.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures

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