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January 3, 2018

The Honorable Lisa Ayers  
Board of County Commissioners  
PO Box 187  
South Bend, WA 98586

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

Dear Chair Ayers:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Pacific County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comprehensive update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the entire community for completing this comprehensive update. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land-use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

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

- December 26, 2016 – Ecology accepted your complete locally adopted SMP for review (Resolution No. 2016-036).
- September 28, 2017 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's SMP comprehensive update with specific required and recommended changes.
- December 12, 2017 – The County sent a letter to Ecology accepting all of Ecology's Required Changes with proposed alternative language for required changes #2 and #3 (Ordinance No. 183). In addition, the County accepted all recommended changes except recommended change #7. Minor corrections were made to #'s 11, 14, 15, 19 and 29, and proposed language added in #20 to address the suggestion the SMP address residential beach access structures.

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.



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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 City 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, we acknowledge receipt of a copy of the County's comprehensively updated SMP with all the noted changes integrated into the document.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our Senior Regional Planner, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at [Kim.vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Kim.vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov) or (360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,



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