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August 29, 2017

The Honorable Gary Stamper, Chair  
Lewis County Board of County Commissioners  
351 N. North Street  
Chehalis, WA 98532

**RE: Lewis County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval**

Dear Commissioner Stamper:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Lewis County (County) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update and the SMP will provide a framework to guide development and environmental protection along the County's shorelines into the future.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified specific changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These changes are detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes, developed in collaboration with County staff, are proposed in Attachment C. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2)(e), at this point, the County 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 when the County and Ecology agree on language that meets 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

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the Board of County Commissioners, county staff, particularly Fred Evander, the Planning Commission and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program Update. Thank you again for your efforts.

We look forward to concluding the SMP update process in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the changes identified by Ecology, please contact our Regional Planner, Kim Van Zwalenburg at [Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov)/(360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,



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Director

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