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February 1, 2018

The Honorable Kelli Linville
City of Bellingham
210 Lottie Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Final Approval of Bellingham Shoreline Master Program Limited Amendment

Dear Mayor Linville:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the City of Bellingham's (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) limited amendment. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Bellingham community for completing this amendment. We know this has been a long and challenging process. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the SMP limited amendment took place between Ecology and the City:

- September 22, 2014 – Ecology accepted the City's locally adopted SMP amendment as complete for purposes of review (Resolution No. 2013-26).
- February 18, 2016 – Ecology conditionally approved the City's SMP amendment with recommended changes.
- January 23, 2018 – The City sent a letter agreeing to all of Ecology's recommended changes.

Ecology therefore approves the City's SMP limited amendment, which includes the agreed to recommended changes. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City's proposal.

The effective date of the City's SMP limited amendment is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. 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.

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Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the City's SMP amendment 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 City for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the City's SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward one clean hard copy and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP amendment. If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Chad Yunge, at Chad.Yunge@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 715-5206.

Sincerely,



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