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September 21, 2017

The Honorable Robert Bromley, Mayor  
City of Sumas  
433 Cherry Street  
Sumas, WA 98295

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the City of Sumas Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update**

Dear Mayor Bromley:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the city of Sumas (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comprehensive update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Sumas community for completing the comprehensive update of your SMP. 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 comprehensive update took place between Ecology and the City:

- September 24, 2014 – Ecology accepted your complete locally-adopted SMP to Ecology (Resolution 742).
- November 29, 2016 – Ecology conditionally approved the City's SMP comprehensive update with specific required and recommended changes.
- May 18, 2017 – The City sent a letter to Ecology proposing alternative language to one of Ecology's required changes and requesting one additional change. Ecology informally accepted the proposed changes in a letter dated June 16, 2017.
- August 17, 2017 – The City sent a letter to Ecology adopting a revised comprehensive SMP including the City's alternative language to Ecology's required changes, and accepting 13 of the 24 changes recommended by Ecology (Ordinance 1708).



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Upon review, Ecology finds the City'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.

Ecology, therefore, approves the City'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 City's proposal.

**The effective date of the City'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 City for its records.

Finally, please integrate the revisions contained in this correspondence into the City's SMP, and forward a digital copy of the approved SMP to Ecology within 30 days.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Chad Yunge, at [Chad.Yunge@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Chad.Yunge@ecy.wa.gov)/(360) 715-5206.

Sincerely,



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