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April 5, 2017

Erika Shook, Director DCD
San Juan County
P.O. Box 947
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

**Re: San Juan County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval, Ordinance 2016-01**

Dear Ms. Shook:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend San Juan County (County) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious the County invested a significant effort in this update. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the County's shorelines.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified specific changes. We detail these changes in Attachment B: Recommended Changes. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decisions 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 Guideline requirements.

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
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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the County Council, County staff, the Planning Commission, and the community have put into the SMP update.

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, Bob Fritzen, at Bob.Fritzen@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 715-5207.

Sincerely,

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Director

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