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June 15, 2016

Rob Omans
City Administrator
City of Cle Elum
119 West First Street
Cle Elum, WA 98922

RE: Cle Elum Shoreline Master Program Update, Conditional Approval

Dear Mr. Omans:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Cle Elum (City) 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. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the City's shorelines.

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 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 City may:

- Agree to the proposed changes (required and/or recommended 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 City 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
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City of Cle Elum and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program 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, Zach Meyer, at zachary.meyer@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 454-3619.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures

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