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October 9, 2015

The Honorable Dale Snyder
Douglas County Commissioner
PO Box 747
Waterville, WA 98858-0747

**Re: Final Ecology Decision – Douglas County Shoreline Master Program
2015 Limited Amendments**

Dear Chairman Snyder:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) approves three of the four proposed amendments to Douglas County's (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) as submitted. Ecology finds the following three proposed amendments to be consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) and its implementing rules:

1. Revisions to Section 1.1, Prior Development and Nonconformance;
2. Revisions to Section 5.12, Residential Nonconforming Uses; and
3. Revisions to Section 8, Definition of Appurtenant Structure.

Ecology finds Douglas County's proposed SMP amendment regarding Revisions to Section 5.13, Shoreline Bulk and Dimensional Standards to be inconsistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) and its implementing rules. Therefore, Ecology will not approve the proposed amendment to Section 5.13.

The enclosed Attachment A, Findings and Conclusions, provides more information about Ecology's decisions. This is Ecology's final action and there will be no further modifications to the proposal.

The three approved SMP amendments will become effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This time period was established by the state legislature and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP amendments.



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Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the County's SMP limited amendment has received final approval. The publication of this notice, in the form of a legal advertisement, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal advertisement to the County for its records.

If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Lennard Jordan, at Lennard.Jordan@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 457-7125.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maia D. Bellon". The signature is written in a cursive style and extends to the right with a long horizontal line.

Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosure

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