December 13, 2012

Mr. Ted Sturdevant, Director
WA State Department of Ecology
Attention: Director's Office
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Dear Mr. Sturdevant:

I am pleased to inform you that the City of North Bend has officially approved its Shoreline Master Program Update with the changes required by the Department of Ecology as outlined in the Conditional Approval letter dated August 2, 2012, with a modification to Item #1 as described below. On December 4, 2012, the North Bend City Council adopted Ordinance 1476 adopting the SMP with the changes.

The alternative proposal which has been discussed between the City of North Bend staff and Ecology, is to delete the “floodplains up to 200 feet from the floodway edge” because it is redundant and confusing and already stated in the same sentence. Also to clarify a specific area in North Bend that was determined not to be in shoreline jurisdiction but is still has regulated floodway channels per FEMA map a sentence was added to the end of the Profile of Shoreline Jurisdiction paragraph. It states “The Silver Creek area is not considered floodway for shoreline jurisdiction purposes since it was determined to be outside the range of “reasonable regularity” per RCW 90.58.030 (2) (b) floodway definition. A thorough analysis was provided to Ecology and is documented in Appendix A (Assessment of Shoreline Jurisdiction) within the final Shoreline Analysis Report for the City of North Bend's Shorelines: South Fork and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River".

It is my understanding that the City of North Bend will receive a letter from you informing the City of the Department of Ecology Final Approval of our SMP and that our SMP will be in effect 14 days from the date of your letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding adoption and implementation of North Bend’s Shoreline Master Program please don’t hesitate to contact Senior Planner Jamie Durrell at 425-888-7642 or jburrell@northbendwa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ken Hearing
Mayor

Cc: David Pater, Peter Skowland

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