January 3, 2013

The Honorable Kenneth G. Hearing
City of North Bend
211 Main Avenue North
North Bend, WA 98045

RE: Final Ecology Approval of City of North Bend Shoreline Master Program
    Comprehensive Update

Dear Mayor Hearing:

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

- March 28, 2012 – Ecology accepted the City’s locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (Resolution No. 1578).

- August 2, 2012 – Ecology conditionally approved the City’s comprehensive SMP update with specific required changes.

- December 13, 2012 – The City sent a letter to Ecology indicating adoption of ordinance #1476 approving the SMP and agreeing to all but one of Ecology’s required changes. The City proposed alternative language for required change item #1.

Upon review, Ecology finds the City’s alternative provision and alternative language changes to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes originally proposed by Ecology. The proposed changes are also consistent with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and applicable rules.

Ecology therefore approves the City’s comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to required changes including the alternative language shown on the addendum to Attachment B. This action represents Ecology’s final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City’s proposal.
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**The SMP is effective fourteen days from the date of this letter.** This fourteen-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 the City’s 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 changes referenced in this correspondence into the City’s SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, David Pater, at David.Pater@ecy.wa.gov or (425) 649-4253.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant  
Director

Enclosures (2)

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