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August 11, 2015

Pend Oreille County Commissioners  
PO Box 5025  
Newport, WA 99156

**Re: Limited Amendment to the Pend Oreille County Shoreline Master Program –  
Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 2015-3**

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the limited amendment to Pend Oreille County's (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Congratulations to you, the County Planning Commission, and the Community Development Department for completing this limited amendment. Ecology finds the County's amendment is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the SMP Guidelines.

Ecology, therefore, approves the County's comprehensive SMP update as submitted. The enclosed Attachment A, Findings and Conclusions document provides more information about our decision. This is Ecology's final action and there will be no further modifications to the proposal.

The SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This 14-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the amendment to the County's SMP has received final approval. The publication of this 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 County for its records.

If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Jaime Short, at [jaime.short@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jaime.short@ecy.wa.gov) / (509) 329-3411.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures

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