memorandum

date      July 31, 2014

to        James DeVere, Mayor
           Town of South Cle Elum

from      Adam Merrill

subject   Town of South Cle Elum SMP Cumulative Impacts Analysis review

As part of the Town of South Cle Elum’s Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update effort, ESA prepared a Cumulative Impacts Analysis (CIA) (January 2014) that evaluated the cumulative impact of reasonably foreseeable future development to determine if the policies and regulations proposed for shoreline management would be adequate to ensure “no net loss of ecological functions.” The CIA concluded that the January 2014 Final Draft SMP would be effective in preventing cumulative impacts to shoreline functions within Town shoreline jurisdiction.

In July 2014, the Town issued a Revised Final Draft SMP that contains revisions to the January 2014 Final Draft SMP. These revisions were based upon comments received from Ecology and the public. In general, the SMP revisions are minor, and do not decrease the level of environmental protection as compared to the January 2014 Final Draft SMP.

Additionally, since the January 2014 CIA was issued, the Draft Shoreline Restoration Plan was revised and the final version of the plan was issued in April 2014. The final restoration plan identifies one additional potential shoreline restoration project within Town jurisdiction which is not referenced in the January 2014 CIA, and also refines the method for tracking development-related changes in shoreline functions over time. These revisions result in a more accurate and robust plan for identifying and enacting shoreline restoration projects.

Based upon the review of revisions to the SMP and the final Shoreline Restoration Plan, we conclude that the findings of the January 2014 CIA, which concluded that the SMP would prevent cumulative impacts to shoreline functions, are also applicable to the current version of the Town’s SMP (July 2014).