April 29, 2015

The Honorable Janes DeVere
Town of South Cle Elum
PO Box 160
South Cle Elum, WA 98943

Re: Town of South Cle Elum Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval

Dear Mayor DeVere:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Town of South Cle Elum (Town) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the Town’s shorelines.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified specific changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These changes are detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes are proposed in Attachment C. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology’s decision are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the Town may:

- Agree to the proposed changes (required and/or recommended changes), or
- Submit an alternative proposal. Ecology will then review the alternative(s) submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the changes originally developed by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur when the Town and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guideline requirements.
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Please provide your written response within 30 days to the Director’s Office at the following address:

   WA State Department of Ecology  
   Attention: Director’s Office  
   PO Box 47600  
   Olympia, WA 98504-6700

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work by the Town Council, Town staff, the Planning Commission and the community in updating the town’s Shoreline Master Program.

We look forward to concluding the SMP update process in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the changes identified by Ecology, please contact our Regional Planner, Angela San Filippo, at Angela.SanFilippo@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 454-3619.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon  
Director

Enclosures (3)

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