October 14, 2011

The Honorable Jim Haggerton, Mayor
City of Tukwila
6200 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188

RE: Final Ecology Approval of City of Tukwila’s
Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Mayor Haggerton:

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

- April 9, 2010 – The City provided your complete locally-adopted SMP to Ecology
  (adopted as Ordinance Nos. 2269, 2270, 2271, and 2272).

- March 24, 2011 – Ecology conditionally approved the City’s SMP comprehensive update
  with specific required and recommended changes.

- September 1, 2011 (with a clarification on September 22, 2011) – The City sent a
  letter to Ecology agreeing to 21 of the 25 changes required by Ecology. The City
  proposed alternative language for four of the 25 required changes. Ecology has
  accepted the City’s four proposed alternatives. These changes have all been
  incorporated into Attachment B - Revised (enclosed) and adopted as City
  Ordinance Nos. 2345, 2346, 2347, and 2344.

- September 1, 2011 – The City sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to six of the 12
  changes recommended by Ecology. The City proposed alternative language for
  three of the 12 recommended changes. Ecology has accepted the City’s three
  proposed alternatives. The City rejected three of the recommended changes.
  These changes have all been incorporated into Attachment C - Revised (enclosed)
  and adopted as City Ordinance Nos. 2345, 2346, 2347, and 2344.
Upon review, Ecology finds the City’s alternative provisions and additional minor changes proposed in the September 1, 2011 letter, as clarified on September 22, 2011, to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes originally proposed by Ecology, and with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and applicable rules.

Therefore, Ecology approves the City’s SMP comprehensive update, together with the revisions specified above. This action represents Ecology’s final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City’s proposal.

The effective date of the City’s SMP comprehensive update is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology’s final approval 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 your 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 revisions contained in this correspondence into the City’s SMP, and forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the 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 Radabaugh, at david.radabaugh@ecy.wa.gov (425) 649-4260.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures

By certified mail [7003 1010 0005 0569 1154]

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