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Whitman County  
Board of Commissioners  
400 North Main Street  
Colfax, WA 99111

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Whitman County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update**

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Whitman County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, the County Planning Commission, County staff, and the community for completing this comprehensive update. Ecology finds the county's SMP is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the Shoreline Master Program 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 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, Lennard Jordan, at (509) 457-7125 or [Lennard.Jordan@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Lennard.Jordan@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director

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