July 2, 2012

The Honorable Barbara Tolbert, Mayor
City of Arlington
238 North Olympic
Arlington, WA  98223

RE:  City of Arlington Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update -
    Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 10-597

Dear Mayor Tolbert:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Arlington (City) 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 by your staff and community. The
SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration in the City’s
shoreline along the Stillaguamish River and its tributaries. We applaud the City’s “pre-
designation” of anticipated future annexation areas. This improves predictability for all
concerned regarding future incorporation of these areas.

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. Ecology’s findings and
conclusions related to the City’s proposed SMP update are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2)(c) at this point the City may:
- Agree to the proposed 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 submitted by
  Ecology and with the SMA.

Final Ecology approval will occur when the City and Ecology agree on language that
meets statutory and Guidelines requirements.

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 that you, the city council, community development staff, the Planning Commission and the Shoreline Advisory Committee have put into the Shoreline Master Program Update.

Thank you again for your efforts. 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, Anthony Boscolo, at Anthony.Boscolo@ecy.wa.gov/(425) 649-7145.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures

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