October 30, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Walters
City of Battle Ground
109 South West First Street, Suite 221
Battle Ground, WA 98604

Re: City of Battle Ground Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program - Conditional Approval, Ordinance Number 12-01

Dear Mayor Walters:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Battle Ground (City) for its efforts in developing your proposed first-ever comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP). It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update by your staff and engaged community. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the City’s shorelines. In addition, I want to commend you for your close coordination with Clark County and the other municipalities to ensure your SMP contains consistent goals and policies along shared waterbodies and across jurisdictional boundaries.

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

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2)(e) 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 Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur when the City and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and guideline 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, the Planning Commission, the staff of your Community Development Department (particularly Robert Maul, Sam Crummett and Dorothy Harrington) and the Clark County Coalition advisory committees have put into the development of your first Shoreline Master Program.

Thank you again for your efforts. We look forward to concluding the SMP approval 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, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at (360) 407-6520 or Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures (3)

By certified mail [7912 1010 0003 3028 2518]

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