December 10, 2012

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

Re:  Final Ecology Approval of City of Battle Ground Shoreline Master Program

Dear Mayor Walters:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the city of Battle Ground’s (City) new Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Battle Ground community for completing this Shoreline Master Program. 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 SMP took place between Ecology and the City:

- March 30, 2012 – Ecology accepted the City’s locally adopted SMP as complete for purposes of review (adopted by Ordinance No. 12-01).

- October 30, 2012 – Ecology conditionally approved the City’s SMP with specific required and recommended changes.

- December 7, 2012 – The City sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of Ecology’s required and recommended changes.

Ecology therefore approves the City’s new SMP, which includes the agreed to required and recommended changes. This action represents Ecology’s final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City’s proposal.

The SMP is effective fourteen days from the date of this 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 the City’s 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 changes referenced in this correspondence into the City’s SMP. When this is complete, please forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the complete 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, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov / (360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,

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