January 29th, 2013

Mr. Ted Sturdevant, Director  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Director's Office - PO BOX 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

RE: City of Bellingham's Comprehensive SMP Update - Acceptance of Revisions

Dear Director Sturdevant:

On behalf of the City of Bellingham - I write to inform you that our City Council has agreed to ALL of the required and recommended revisions specified in ATTACHMENTS B and C of your December 17, 2012 "conditional approval" letter.

On January 28th, 2013 our City Council conducted a first and second reading of the adopting ordinance repealing BMC Chapter 16.40, Shorelines (Our 1989 SMP) and creating a new Title 22, Shorelines. (Agenda Bill #19829 of City Council Agenda Follow Up is attached.) Third and final reading of the adopting ordinance will occur on February 11, 2013. Title 22 takes effect 15 days later, February 26, 2013!

We intend to send digital copies of our new Title 22 to your representatives from the Shorelands Division, Peter Skowlund and Anthony Boscolo who were professional and instrumental in pushing this effort across the finish line. I'd also like to thank retired shoreline planner extraordinaire Barry Wenger, previously with the Bellingham Field Office, for his effort and expertise.

We look forward to implementing this SMP - especially since we are set to begin the master planning process in tandem with the Port of Bellingham on the historic Georgia Pacific property.

If you or your staff have questions or require additional follow up please contact me directly at 360-778-8359 or email: ssundin@cob.org

Sincerely,

Steven Sundin, Planner

C Kelli Linville, Mayor, City of Bellingham  
Doug Allen, Manager of DOE's Bellingham Field Office
AB19829 1. Review of the Department of Ecology's final list of required and recommended revisions to the City of Bellingham's 2009 Draft Shoreline Master Program

"AN ORDINANCE REPEALING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE (BMC) CHAPTER 16.40, SHORELINES AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2013 SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM AS BMC TITLE 22, SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM."

LEHMAN / SNAPP moved approval for first and second reading and to direct staff to send letter of acceptance to the Department of Ecology. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

AB19830 2. Aquatic Invasive Species Program

LEHMAN / SNAPP provided direction to staff to move forward with the recommendations from staff's report. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Parks and Recreation
Gene Knutson, Chair
Stan Snapp; Terry Bornemann

AB19831 1. Recreation Program update and discussion

Information only.

Committee Of The Whole
Seth Fleetwood, Chair
Jack Weiss, Gene Knutson, Cathy Lehman, Stan Snapp, Michael Lilliquist, Terry Bornemann

AB19832 1. Ordinance amending numerous sections of the Bellingham Municipal Code with respect to the maximum permissible fine for misdemeanors and the maximum permissible jail sentence for gross misdemeanors

"AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FINES FOR MISDEMEANORS; AMENDING BMC 1.28.010, BMC 4.60.030, BMC 4.70.030, BMC 6.10.110, BMC 13.40.150, BMC 15.42.110, BMC 16.60.090, BMC 16.70.140, BMC 18.52.010, BMC 20.52.010, BMC 20.52.020 AND THE MAXIMUM TERM OF INCARCERATION FOR GROSS MISDEMEANORS; AMENDING BMC 6.05.220, BMC 7.08.170, BMC 10.04.060, BMC 16.55.040, BMC 16.80.150, BMC 17.10.020, BMC 17.20.020."

1st & 2nd APPROVED