March 27, 2013

The Honorable Pat Johnson
City of Buckley
933 Main Street
Buckley, WA 98321

RE: City of Buckley Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Ordinance No. 09-12

Dear Mayor Johnson:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Buckley (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that significant effort was invested in this update by your staff, the planning commission and engaged community. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration in the City’s shoreline along the White River.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) identified specific changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These required changes are detailed in Attachments B. There are also recommended changes found in Attachment C. and 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)(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 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
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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you, the city council, the planning commission, and Kathy James Thompson, the city planner, 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, Sarah Lukas, at Sarah.Lukas@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-7459.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon  
Director  

Enclosures (3)  

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