August 17, 2012

The Honorable Scott Higgins, Mayor
City of Camas
616 Northeast Fourth Avenue
Camas, WA 98607

Re: City of Camas Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update - Conditional Approval, Ordinance Number 2643

Dear Mayor Higgins:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Camas (City) for its efforts in developing your proposed updated 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 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 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 Sarah Fox, Phil Bourquin and Jan Coppola), the City's ad hoc shoreline committee, and the Clark County Coalition advisory committees 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, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at (360) 407-6520 or Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures (3)

By certified mail [7009 0820 0001 9056 1295]

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