April 5, 2012

The Honorable Jim Berger, Mayor
City of Carnation
4621 Tolt Avenue
Carnation, WA 98014-1238

Re: City of Carnation Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update - Conditional Approval

Dear Mayor Berger:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Carnation (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update by your staff and engaged community.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified specific required changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These changes are detailed in Attachment B. 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 Shoreline Management Act.

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
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, David Pater, at David.Pater@ecy.wa.gov/ (425) 649-7145.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures

By certified mail [7006 2760 0000 7716 6366]

cc: David Pater, Ecology
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    Geoff Tallent, Ecology