ATTACHMENT A: FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS ADDENDUM FOR PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CARNATION SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

SMP Changes, accepted as passed, in Ordinance No. 814
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Brief Description of Proposed Amendment:

The City of Carnation has submitted to Ecology a comprehensive amendment to their Shoreline Master Program (SMP). On April 5, 2012, Department of Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant sent an Approved with Conditions letter to Mayor Jim Berger. The City responded in a letter dated May 2, 2012 with alternative language for two requested changes concerning the Floodplain definition in the SMP and Appendix A (Critical Areas Regulations). The city accepted all other required changes.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Alternative Language for Floodplain Definitions: Ecology reviewed the City’s alternative language for required changes Numbers 2 and 5 and found the alternatives are consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and the intent of Ecology’s original requested change to make the definitions more consistent with WAC 173-26-020 (15). The changes defer to the Department of Ecology on the accuracy of floodplain official studies maps or reports. The revised floodplain definition is same within Section VII (definitions) of the SMP and Appendix A Critical Areas Regulations. SMP required changes are outlined in Attachment B.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Consistent with RCW 90.58.090(2)(e)(ii), the City’s proposed alternative language for the Floodplain Definitions is consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and the purpose and intent of Ecology’s original requested change. Therefore, Ecology accepts the city’s alternative clarifying language.

DECISION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Ecology approval of the City’s proposed comprehensive SMP amendment, Ordinance 814, is effective 14 days from the date of the Ecology Director’s letter accepting the changes of Ordinance 814.

Attachments: SMP Review Router
City of Carnation May 2, 2012 response letter