May 22, 2012

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

Re: Final Ecology Approval of City of Carnation Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Mayor Berger:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the city of Carnation (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comprehensive Update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Carnation community for completing the comprehensive update of your SMP. We know this has been a long and challenging process. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land-use planning for Washington’s unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the recent SMP comprehensive update took place between Ecology and the City:

- November 1, 2011 – The City provided your complete locally-adopted SMP to Ecology (adopted as Resolution No. 368).

- April 5, 2012 – Ecology conditionally approved the City’s SMP comprehensive update with specific required changes.

- May 2, 2012 – The City sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to 6 of the 8 changes required by Ecology. The City proposed alternative language for 2 of the 8 required changes (changes 2 & 5). These changes have all been incorporated into Attachment B - Revised (enclosed) and adopted February 13, 2012, as City Ordinance No. 814.

Upon review, Ecology finds the City’s alternative provisions and additional minor changes proposed to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes originally proposed by Ecology and with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and applicable rules.

Ecology, therefore, approves the City’s SMP comprehensive update, together with the revisions specified above. This action represents Ecology’s final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City’s proposal.
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The effective date of the City’s SMP comprehensive update is 14 days from the date of this letter, Ecology’s final approval letter. This 14-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the City to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that your SMP has received final approval. The notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the City for its records.

Finally, please integrate the revisions contained in this correspondence into the City’s SMP, and forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the approved SMP to Ecology within 30 days.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. City Planner Linda Scott did excellent work in guiding the SMP development and adoption process. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, David Pater, at David.Pater@ecy.wa.gov/ (425) 649-4253.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant  
Director

Enclosure

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