February 21, 2013

The Honorable Keith Vradenburg
City of Entiat
PO Box 228
Entiat, WA 99882

RE: City of Entiat’s Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Ordinance No. 2012-387

Dear Mayor Vradenburg:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Entiat (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. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration in the City’s shoreline along Columbia and Entiat Rivers.

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. One recommended change is 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)(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
Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you, the city council, community development staff (Susan Driver), the planning commission and the Shoreline Advisory Committee 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 Gary Graff, our SEA Program Acting Section Manager in the Central Regional Office at Gary.Graff@ecy.wa.gov/(509) 574-3992.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures (3)

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