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October 31, 2016

Franklin County Board of Commissioners
1016 North Fourth Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301-3706

Re: Final Approval of Franklin County's Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of Franklin County's (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Franklin County community for completing this comprehensive update. 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 SMP update took place between Ecology and the County:

- April 6, 2016 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (Ordinance No. 1-2016).
- July 12, 2016 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's comprehensive SMP update with recommended changes.
- October 19, 2016 – The County sent a letter agreeing to all of Ecology's recommended changes.

Ecology therefore approves the County's comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to recommended changes. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.

The effective date of the County's comprehensive SMP update is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This fourteen day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

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Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the County's 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 County for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the County's SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Lennard, at Lennard.Jordan@ecy.wa.gov/(509) 457-7125.

Sincerely,



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