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August 10, 2016

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

Re: Final Ecology Approval of Franklin County Shoreline Master Program

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Franklin County (County) for its efforts in developing the proposed update to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). It is obvious that a significant effort was invested by your staff and engaged community. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the County's shorelines.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) finds the County's SMP comprehensive update is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines. Ecology has also worked with County staff to prepare recommended changes to provide further clarity. These changes are based on comments received from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and have been reviewed by County staff. These recommendations are included in Attachment B – Ecology Recommended Changes. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the County's proposed SMP update are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2)(e), at this point, the County may:

- Agree to the proposed recommended changes, or
- Submit an alternative proposal. Ecology will then review each alternative submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the changes originally submitted by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act (SMA).

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



Final Ecology approval will occur after the County responds to Ecology communicating the County decision on the recommended changes. Ecology's final approval will be in the form of a letter, and will be sent upon receipt of the County's written notification that the recommended changes are acceptable to the County, or after the County and Ecology have reached agreement on alternative changes.

The SMP will be effective fourteen days from the date of Ecology's final action. 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.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the County's SMP has received final approval. The publication of this notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. Ecology will provide a copy of the legal ad to the County for its records.

Thank you again for your efforts. We look forward to receiving your written response and concluding this SMP amendment in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss Ecology's recommended changes, please contact our regional planner, Lennard Jordan at (509) 457-7125 or lennard.jordan@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures

By certified mail [7012 1010 0003 3028 4499]

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