December 12, 2013

Maia D. Bellon, Director
WA State Department of Ecology
Attention: Director's Office
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

RE: City of Gig Harbor Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update-
Final Submittal-Adopted Per Ordinance No. 1278

Dear Director Bellon:

The city of Gig Harbor hereby formally submits the enclosed, updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for Ecology's review and final approval. The Gig Harbor City Council formally adopted the SMP on November 25, 2013 pursuant to enclosed Ordinance No. 1278.

The final SMP includes all required and recommended revisions as addressed in Attachments "B" and "C" to Ecology's Conditional Approval Letter of September 20, 2013. The SMP complies with the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines set forth in WAC 173-26, and provides strong policy and regulatory support for the management of shoreline development and restoration activity along the shorelines of the city and state going forward into the future.

Included in the city's submittal are the following documents:
1. Ordinance No. 1278
2. 1 hard copy of the locally adopted SMP
3. 1 digital copy of the locally adopted SMP
The city appreciates the financial and staff support provided by Ecology during the update process and particularly the efforts of Kim Van Zwalenburg, Regional Shoreline Planner. Kim was very engaged with city staff, the Planning Commission and the general public throughout the process and her efforts were invaluable to the city’s success.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this final submittal. Should you have any questions, please contact Peter Katich, Senior Planner, at 253-853-7616.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kester
Planning Director

cc: Mayor Hunter
    Dennis Richards, City Administrator
    Molly Towslee, City Clerk
    Kim Van Zwalenburg, Ecology Regional Shoreline Planner, with enclosure
    Paula Ehlers, Ecology SW Region Shorelands Program Manager