

**ADDENDUM TO ATTACHMENT A: FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS
FOR PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ISLAND COUNTY
SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

SMP Changes, accepted as passed, in Ordinance No. (Pending)
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Brief Description of Proposed Amendment:

Island County has submitted to Ecology a comprehensive amendment to their Shoreline Master Program (SMP). On August 17, 2015, Department of Ecology Director Maia Bellon sent a letter to the Board of Commissioners Chair Helen Price Johnson approving the SMP with conditions. Island County responded in a letter dated December 1, 2015 concurring with the required and recommended changes except for required change number 37. The county proposes minor alternative language for required change number 37.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Alternative language for shoreline stabilization: Ecology reviewed the City's alternative language for required change number 37 and found the alternative consistent with the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58), State SMP guidelines (WAC 173-26 Part III). The alternative is also consistent with the purpose and intent of Ecology's original requested change, to provide more clarity on shoreline stabilization and the demonstration of need for protecting existing primary structures.

SMP required change alternative is outlined in Attachment B.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Consistent with RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26 -231(3) (b); WAC 173-26-221 (2) and WAC 173-27-170, Island County's proposed alternative language for the SMP Sec. 17.05A.110 A.3(c)(v) (shoreline stabilization) is consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and the purpose and intent of Ecology's original requested change. Therefore, Ecology accepts the county's alternative clarifying language.

DECISION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Ecology approval of the county's proposed comprehensive SMP amendment is effective 14 days from the date of the Ecology Director's letter accepting the changes of Ordinance No. (Pending).

Attachments: Attachment B Island County SMP Required Changes (alternative language)
SMP Review Router
Island County December 1, 2015 response letter