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August 17, 2015

The Honorable Helen Price Johnson
Island County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239-5000

**Re: Island County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 528**

Dear Commissioner Price Johnson:

I would like to commend Island County 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. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the County's 200 miles of shorelines.

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. Recommended changes are proposed in Attachment C. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A.

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

- Agree to the proposed changes (required and/or recommended 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 developed by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur when Island County and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guideline requirements.



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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
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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the County Commissioners, Planning and Community Development staff, Planning Commission and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program update. Special recognition goes out to Senior Planner, Brad Johnson, and former SMP Planner, Karen Stewart. Their excellent work on the SMP update was very important in moving the SMP to the final stages of the approval process.

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 our Regional Planner, David Pater, at David.Pater@ecy.wa.gov or (425) 425-4253.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures (4)

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