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April 21, 2016

The Honorable David Futcher
City of Kelso
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Re: Final Approval of the City of Kelso Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Mayor Futcher:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the City of Kelso's (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Kelso 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 City:

- July 29, 2015 – Ecology accepted the City's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (adopted as Resolution No. 15-1137).
- April 1, 2016 – Ecology conditionally approved the City's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- April 13, 2016 – The City sent a letter agreeing to all of Ecology's required and recommended changes.

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

The effective date of the City'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 City to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the City's SMP has received final approval. The notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 30-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the City for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the City'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, Chrissy Bailey, at Chrissy.Bailey@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6781.

Sincerely,

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