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April 1, 2015

The Honorable David Futcher, Mayor
City of Kelso
PO Box 819
Kelso, WA 98626

Re: City of Kelso Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 15-1137

Dear Mayor Futcher:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Kelso (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that significant effort was invested in this process, and the SMP will provide a framework to guide development, environmental protection and restoration in the City's shoreline areas into the future.

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. Attachment D contains the City's and Ecology's responses to public comments received during Ecology's review of the proposed SMP.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point the City 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 the City 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
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City Council, City and consulting staff, the Planning Commission and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program update.

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 Chrissy Bailey at Chrissy.Bailey@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6781.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures (4)

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