December 27, 2012

Mr. Ted Sturdevant
Director
Washington Department of Ecology
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Olympia, WA 98504-7600

RE: King County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Mr. Sturdevant:

On September 14, 2012 you notified King County Executive Dow Constantine that the Department of Ecology had given Conditional Approval to King County’s Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) that was adopted by King County Ordinance 16985. The approval was conditioned upon approval of changes Ecology identified as necessary to bring the SMP into compliance with the Shoreline Management Act.

On December 3, 2012 the King County Council approved the required changes by Ordinance 17485. King County Executive Dow Constantine signed Ordinance 17485 into law on December 13, 2012.

Ordinance 17485 adopted the 2012 King County Comprehensive Plan. Shoreline Master Program policies are incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan as Chapter 5. Ordinance 17485 also adopted Ecology’s required amendments to King County’s development regulations.

Enclosed are copies of documents showing compliance with Ecology’s Conditional Approval. The documents include:

- Attachment A: Ordinance 17485 and Attachment A (2012 King County Comprehensive Plan, including Chapter 5 – Shorelines) and Attachment K (King County Shoreline Jurisdiction).
- Attachment B: King County’s Response to Ecology’s Required Changes (dated September 4, 2012)
- Attachment C: King County’s Response to Ecology’s Suggested Changes (dated August 7, 2012). The response also includes a discussion of amendments to development regulations approved by the King County Council between December 10, 2010 and
December 3, 2012. The ordinances adopting these amendments are included in Attachment D.

- Attachment D: Ordinances 17191, 17254, and 17420 which amended sections of the King County Code that are incorporated by reference into the Shoreline Master Program. A separate document sets forth the specific sections amended and describes their effect.
- Attachment E: Evidence of publication in a newspaper. A copy of the advertisement for Proposed Ordinance 2012-0103 (which became Ordinance 17485) in the Seattle Times for the County Council public hearing on November 26, 2012. The advertisement was also published in several other local newspapers throughout King County.

Also enclosed is a CD-Rom with the documents. The CD also includes annotated versions of Ordinance 17485 and Chapter 5 of the 2012 King County Comprehensive Plan. The annotations highlight the amendments to King County’s regulations and policies adopted to implement Ecology’s required and suggested changes.

Due to the volume of materials involved, King County is only enclosing one set of the documents with this response. A second set of these documents has been delivered to Ecology’s Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue, Washington.

If you have any questions about these materials, please feel free to contact me at harry.reinert@kingcounty.gov or at 206.477.0354.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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