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Washington State Department of Ecology
Attn.: Director's Office
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

RE: City of Nooksack SMP Update
Final Adoption

Dear Director,

In early November of this year, the City of Nooksack received your letter dated November 2, 2015 that included Ecology's required and recommended changes to the Nooksack Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The Nooksack City Council reviewed these changes and determined that all of the required and recommended changes were acceptable to the City of Nooksack.

Based on that determination, the City held a final public hearing on December 7, 2015 to receive public testimony regarding adoption of the Nooksack SMP, incorporating the required and recommended changes. Following the closing of the public hearing, the Nooksack City Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 680, adopting the updated Shoreline Master Program. A copy of Ordinance No. 680, including the attached Exhibit A (full adopted SMP) has been included with this letter.

On behalf of the Nooksack City Council, I want to thank you and your staff for the support we have received, both financial and technical, over the course of the past several years. The grant funding that Ecology provided made it possible for us to pursue this major update, and the technical support provided by your staff, in particular Chad Yunge from the Bellingham Field Office, greatly improved the quality of the final Master Program.

We look forward to receiving your letter of final approval, after which time the updated Master Program will go into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ackerman
Mayor

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