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September 24, 2015

The Honorable Stephen Buxbaum
City of Olympia
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Olympia, WA 98507-1967

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of City of Olympia Shoreline Master Program
Comprehensive Update**

Dear Mayor Buxbaum:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the City of Olympia's (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the community for completing this comprehensive update. We know this has been a long and challenging process. We appreciate your commitment to 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:

- April 25, 2014 – Ecology accepted the City's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (adopted as Resolution No. M1797.)
- April 22, 2015 – Ecology conditionally approved the City's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- August 21, 2015 – The City sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of Ecology's required changes and all but one recommended change, and proposing alternative language in the form of clarifying seven provisions. Five of the clarified provisions were the subject of Ecology required or recommended changes, the remaining two being clarifications to other provisions in the locally adopted SMP.

Upon review, Ecology finds the City's proposed alternative language to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes required by Ecology and with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and applicable rules. Ecology, therefore, approves the City's comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to required changes and recommended changes, as well as the City's proposed alternative language. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City's proposal.



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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 60-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 and forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology, at your earliest convenience.

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) 407-0290.

Sincerely,



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