January 7, 2013

The Honorable Timothy C. Matthes
City of Port Orchard
216 Prospect Street
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Re: City of Port Orchard Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 009-12

Dear Mayor Matthes:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Port Orchard (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed updated comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP). It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this SMP development by your citizens, staff, planning commission and city council. This SMP is tailored to the conditions, uses, and future visions for Port Orchard. Through this SMP, the City provides a specific tailored framework to guide future development along City shorelines, while protecting existing shoreline buffers and wetlands.

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. Ecology’s findings and conclusions related to the City’s proposed SMP are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2)(e) at this point the City may:

- Agree to the required changes,
- Deny the proposed changes, or
- Submit alternative language. Ecology will then review the alternative submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the change originally submitted by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

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 you, your citizens, the city council, Shoreline Advisory Board and the planning commission have put into the Shoreline Master Program update.

Thank you again for your efforts. 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 our Regional Planner, Barbara Nightingale, at Barbara.Nightingale@ecy.wa.gov/ (425) 649-4309.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures (2)

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