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February 19, 2016

The Honorable David W. Rose
City of Richland
505 Swift Boulevard
Richland, WA 99352

Re: City of Richland Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Ordinance Number 25-14

Dear Mayor Rose:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Richland (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the City's shorelines.

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.

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.

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



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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City Council, City staff (Rick Simon), 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 our Regional Planner, Lennard Jordan, at Lennard.Jordan@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 457-7125.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures (4)

By Certified Mail [7012 1010 0003 3028 4277]

cc: Rick Simon, City of Richland
Lennard Jordan, Ecology