December 3, 2012

The Honorable Ron Onslow
City of Ridgefield
230 Pioneer Street
Ridgefield, WA 98642

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

Dear Mayor Onslow:

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

- July 2, 2012 – Ecology accepted the City’s locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (adopted by Ordinance No. 1102).

- November 13, 2012 – Ecology conditionally approved the City’s comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.

- November 20, 2012 – The City sent a letter to Ecology indicating re-adoption of the SMP and agreeing to Ecology’s one required change and all but one recommended change. The City proposed minor alternative language for recommended change item #15. Six scrivener’s errors were also identified and corrected by the City.

Upon review, Ecology finds the City’s alternative provision and minor editing changes to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes originally proposed by Ecology. The proposed changes are also consistent 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 and recommended changes including the alternative language shown on the addendum to Attachment C. This action represents Ecology’s final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City’s proposal.
The SMP is effective **fourteen days from the date of this 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. When this is complete, please forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant
Director

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