November 13, 2012

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

RE: City of Ridgefield Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program – Conditional Approval, Ordinance Number 1102

Dear Mayor Onslow:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Ridgefield (City) for its efforts in developing your proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update by your staff and engaged community. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the City’s shorelines. In addition, I want to commend you for your close coordination with Clark County and the other municipalities to ensure your SMP contains consistent goals and policies along shared waterbodies and across jurisdictional boundaries.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified one specific change necessary to make the proposal approvable. This change is detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes are also included in Attachment C. Ecology’s findings and conclusions related to the City’s proposed SMP are contained in Attachment A.

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

- Agree to the proposed 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 submitted 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

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you, the City Council, the Planning Commission, City staff, particularly Justin Clary and Marian Lahav (consultant), and the Clark County Coalition advisory committees have put into the development of your updated Shoreline Master Program.

Thank you again for your efforts. We look forward to concluding the SMP approval 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, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at (360) 407-6520 or Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ted Sturdevant  
Director

Enclosures (6)

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