January 10, 2011

The Honorable Terry Anderson, Mayor  
City of SeaTac  
4800 South 188th Street  
SeaTac, WA  98188

Re:  City of SeaTac Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update  
Ordinance Number 10-1002

Dear Mayor Anderson:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of SeaTac (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed Shoreline Master Program Update (SMP). It is consistent not only with the needs of the City, but also with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act and the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) approves the proposed amendment, with recommended changes detailed in Attachment B. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology’s decision are also enclosed (Attachment A).

Because changes are involved in this proposed SMP, the amendment will not become effective until Ecology receives written notice that the City agrees to the changes¹. Receipt of the City’s written agreement to the recommended changes will constitute final action by Ecology on the city of SeaTac SMP.

If you do not agree to the changes listed in Attachment B, then pursuant to WAC 173-26-120(7)(b)(ii), you may propose to Ecology alternative amendments consistent with the scope of the original submittal, SMA policy and the applicable guidelines. At that point, Ecology will need to review and approve the alternative amendment(s) before they become effective.

¹ WAC 173-26-120(7)(b)(i)
To summarize, if the City agrees with the recommended changes, it must notify Ecology in writing by sending the notice 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 Staff (Albert Torrico and Jack Dodge), the Planning Commission, and the Shoreline Advisory Committee put into the Shoreline Master Program Update.

Thank you again for your efforts. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, David Pater, at david.pater@ecy.wa.gov/(425) 649-4253.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant  
Director

Enclosures

By certified mail [7003 1010 0005 0569 1451]

cc: David Pater, Ecology Northwest Regional Office  
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Albert Torrico, SeaTac Planning & Community Development