September 9, 2013

The Honorable Ken Hays
City of Sequim
152 West Cedar
Sequim, WA 98382

Re:  City of Sequim Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
     Conditional Approval, Ordinance Number 2012-019

Dear Mayor Hays:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Sequim (City) for its efforts in
developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. I
recognize this update represents a significant amount of effort by your staff and the
community as a whole. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat
restoration in the City’s shoreline along Sequim Bay.

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

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), 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.
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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, Community Development Department staff (Jack Dodge and Kristina Nelson Gross), 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, Jeffree Stewart, at Jeff.Stewart@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6521.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon  
Director

Enclosures

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