February 28, 2012

The Honorable Dave Gossett, Chairman
Snohomish County Council
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #609
Everett, WA 98201

Re: Snohomish County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update Conditional Approval, Ordinance No. 10-058

Dear Chairman Gossett:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Snohomish County (County) 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 by your staff and engaged community.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified specific required 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 County’s proposed SMP update are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2) (e), at this point the County 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 County and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and guidelines 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  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-4700

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, David Pater, at David.Pater@ecy.wa.gov/ (425) 649-7145.

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant  
Director

Enclosures

By certified mail [7006 2760 0000 7716 6335]

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