April 3, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Caldwell
Town of South Prairie
PO Box 870
South Prairie, WA 98385

Re: Town of South Prairie Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Resolution No. 320

Dear Mayor Caldwell:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Town of South Prairie (Town) 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. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration in the Town’s shoreline along South Prairie Creek.

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. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology’s decision are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the Town may:

- Agree to the proposed changes (required and/or recommended 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 developed by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur when the Town 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  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

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, Sarah Cassal, at Sarah.Cassal@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 407-7459.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon  
Director

Enclosures (5)

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