September 10, 2014

The Honorable Leonard Kelley  
City of Stanwood  
10220 – 270th Street NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

Re: City of Stanwood Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 1322

Dear Mayor Kelley:

I commend the City of Stanwood (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious the City invested a significant effort in this update. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the City’s shorelines.

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 City 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 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 the City Council, City staff (Ryan Larsen and Rebecca Lind), the Planning Commission, and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program update.  

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, Barbara Nightingale, at Barbara.Nightingale@ecy.wa.gov or (425) 649-4309.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  
Maia D. Bellon  
Director  

Enclosures (3)  

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cc: Ryan Larsen, City of Stanwood  
    Barbara Nightingale, Ecology  
    Erik Stockdale, Ecology