March 24, 2011

The Honorable Jim Haggerton, Mayor
City of Tukwila
6200 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188

Re: City of Tukwila Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update
Ordinance Number 2269-2272

Dear Mayor Haggerton:

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

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) approves this comprehensive SMP update, subject to required changes detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes are proposed in Attachment C. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology’s decision are enclosed as Attachment A. Also enclosed is a Responsiveness Summary for Public Comments as Attachment D.

Because required changes are involved in this proposed SMP, the amendment will not become effective until Ecology receives written notice that the City agrees to the changes\(^1\). Receipt of the City’s written agreement to the required changes will constitute final action by Ecology approving the Tukwila SMP comprehensive update.

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, please advise us whether the required and recommended changes are acceptable. If the City agrees with the 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

Thank you again for your efforts. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, David Radabaugh, at david.radabaugh@ecy.wa.gov/ (425) 649-4260.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ted Sturdevant
Director

Enclosures

By certified mail [7003 1010 0005 0569 1505]

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