Brief Description of Proposed Amendment: Vancouver (City) has submitted a comprehensive update to their Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The City locally adopted the SMP by Ordinance No. M-3995 on November 21, 2011 and Ecology accepted the submittal as complete on January 23, 2012. On July 24, 2012, Department of Ecology Director Ted Sturdevant sent a letter to Mayor Timothy Leavitt, approving the SMP with conditions. The City responded in a letter dated August 30, 2012 indicating that the City Council, by adoption of Ordinance No. M-4021 on August 20, 2012, accepted all Required Changes and accepted all but part of one of the Recommended Changes (see alternative language for item #30 on Attachment C - Addendum).

FINDINGS OF FACT

The City accepted all Required Changes.

The City Council adopted all but a portion of one of the recommended changes. The City provided alternative language for the following recommended change:

- **#30 Frequently Flooded Areas:** Ecology suggested the original change (shown in Exhibit C-1 to Attachment C) at the request of the City to allow incorporation of the updated Frequently Flooded Areas ordinance into the SMP. The City’s proposed alternatives to two provisions of this chapter are minor edits required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

**Frequently Flooded Areas:** The alternative language remains consistent with WAC 173-26 and the Shoreline Management Act.

Ecology concludes that consistent with RCW 90.58.090(2)(e)(ii), Vancouver’s proposed alternative language provided in revised attachment C is consistent with the Shoreline Management Act, the SMP Guidelines (WAC 173-26) and the purpose and intent of Ecology’s original changes identified in Ecology’s letter, including all attachments, of July 24, 2012.

DECISION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Ecology approval of Vancouver’s comprehensively updated SMP is effective fourteen (14) days from the date of the Ecology Director’s letter accepting the City’s alternative language.