April 11, 2013

The Honorable Carla A. Nichols  
Town of Woodway  
23920 113th Place West  
Woodway, WA 98020

**RE: Town of Woodway Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 11-02**

Dear Mayor Nichols:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Town of Woodway (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. We applaud the Town’s “pre-designation” of anticipated future annexation areas. This improves predictability for all concerned regarding future incorporation of these areas.

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, along with their rationale, are detailed in Attachment B (required changes) and Attachment C (recommended changes). Ecology’s findings and conclusions related to the Town’s proposed SMP update are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the Town 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 Town and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guidelines 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  
    PO Box 47600  
    Olympia, WA 98504-6700
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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you and the Town have put into the SMP update. 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, Bobbak Talebi, at Bobbak.Talebi@gcy.wa.gov or (425) 649-7199.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon  
Director  

Enclosures (3)  

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