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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

Dear Mr. Sturdevant:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 2010 granting conditional approval of the City of Spokane Shoreline Master Program. On June 21, 2010, the Spokane City Council adopted by ordinance many of the required changes and recommended changes (Attachments B and C to your letter), along with proposed alternative language for the remaining items, which is included in the attached document. The City and Ecology had lengthy discussions and agreed upon the proposed alternative language prior to adoption by City Council.

The SMP sets the direction for any use, modification, and development of the shoreline areas of the Spokane River and Latah Creek within the City limits. An extensive public participation process was developed for the SMP update and established frequent opportunities for all segments of the community to provide ideas and input on shoreline issues.

The Spokane Plan Commission had twenty-six workshops on the SMP and on September 24, 2008 recommended that the SMP move forward to the City Council for approval. The City Council had twelve study sessions on the SMP and held a public hearing on November 3, 2008. The Council held deliberations and adopted the SMP, as amended, on December 1, 2008. The SMP was subsequently submitted to Ecology for review and approval on February 26, 2009. Ecology officially approved the SMP, with conditions on February 1, 2010.

The attached Shoreline Master Program submittal package contains:

- **Summaries** of the required changes, recommended changes, along with alternative language.
- **Five ordinances** that either ratify or amend the SMP ordinances that were initially adopted by the City Council on December 1, 2008, below:

**Ordinance C34604** ratifies changes to Ordinance No. C34328 relating to definitions in the Unified Development Code (chapter 17A.020 SMC) amending SMC section 17A.020.190. Definition for "Shoreline Structure" added;

**Ordinance C34605** relates to Ordinance No. C34326 amending SMC sections  
17E.060.090, 17E.060.290, 17E.060.340, 17E.060.380, 17E.060.400,  
17E.060.410, 17E.060.420, 17E.060.440, 17E.060.460, 17E.060.540,  
17E.060.560, 17E.060.670, 17E.060.680, 17E.060.690, 17E.060.700,

17E.060.720, and 17E.060.800. New SMP language is underlined. This ordinance amends sections multiple section of the Shoreline Regulations (see attached documents);

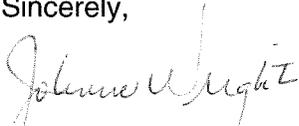
**Ordinance C34606** ratifies changes to Ordinance No. C34327 relating to land use procedures due to the Shorelines Master Program (chapter 17G.060 SMC). This ordinance ratifies the original ordinance that was adopted on December 1, 2008 with subsequent, non-SMP related, changes that have been made to chapter 17G.060 SMC;

**Ordinance C34607** ratifies changes to 1.05.160 relating to land use violations and amends SMC section. This ratifies the original ordinance that was adopted on December 1, 2008 with subsequent, non-SMP related, changes that have been made to SMC 1.05.160; and

**Ordinance C34330** amends Ordinance No. C34330 relating to the Latah Creek Buffer Map of the Spokane Comprehensive Plan.

I want to thank the Department of Ecology for the grant funding which made this update process possible. I also commend the Ecology staff here in Spokane at the Eastern Regional Office for their tireless work and valuable expertise in working with our staff and appointed and elected officials on this update project over the last four-plus years. The collaboration between the City and the Department of Ecology is exemplary and, I believe, one of the major reasons that, upon final approval by Ecology, the City of Spokane will have the distinction of being the first major city in the state to adopt its updated SMP.

Sincerely,



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City of Spokane

cc: Mayor Mary Verner, City of Spokane  
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