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July 8, 2011

Steve Hood  
Department of Ecology-Bellingham Field Office  
1440 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste 102  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Update to Whatcom County schedule for Lake Whatcom Development  
Regulation Proposal

Dear Mr. Hood:

Planning and Development Services would like to update the Department of Ecology on the status of our current schedule to bring forth recommendations to our legislative bodies regarding development in the Lake Whatcom watershed. Our originally scheduled meeting with the Whatcom County Planning Commission on July 28, 2011 is postponed until the end of August or early September. As stated in our previous verbal correspondence, our staff team has experienced some unforeseen events and scheduling conflicts that have led to our decision to amend the original timeline. The additional time is intended to remedy the schedule to allow the appropriate time for Ecology input and review, and to move forward with the two public workshops prior to submitting the proposal to the Planning Commission.

We would like to clarify that the amended timeline should not have a significant impact to the intent of these regulations. The Planning Commission and County Council have "summer schedules" with minimal meetings during the month of August. With the previous schedule, it was anticipated that the County Council would receive the Planning Commission's recommendations no earlier than mid to late September. The amended schedule continues to reflect that intent. We will continue with our weekly updates through this extension as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Craver", is written over a horizontal line.

Cathy Craver  
Planner II

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