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January 26, 2011

The Honorable John Austin
Jefferson County Commissioner
PO Box 1220
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: Jefferson County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update--Ordinance Number 77-09

Dear Commissioner Austin:

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

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) approves the proposed comprehensive SMP update, subject to required changes detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes are also proposed in Attachment C. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are also enclosed (Attachment A).

Because required changes are involved in this proposed SMP, the amendment will not become effective until Ecology receives written notice that the County agrees to the changes[1]. Receipt of the County's written agreement to the required changes will constitute final action by Ecology on the Jefferson County SMP.

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 any or all of the recommended changes are accepted; and, if the County agrees with the required 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, Jeffree Stewart, at Jeff.Stewart@ecy.wa.gov / (360) 407-6521.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures

By certified mail [7003 1010 0005 0569 1468]

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