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February 3, 2022

The Honorable Jerome Delvin
Board of Commissioners
620 Market Street
Prosser, WA 99350

Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Benton County Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Amendment

Dear Chair Jerome Delvin:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Benton County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review amendment. Ecology finds Benton County's (County) program consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) (RCW 90.58) and its implementing rules.

Ecology approves the County's SMP amendment as submitted.

The enclosed Attachment A, Findings and Conclusions document, provides more information about our decision. This is Ecology's final action and there will be no further modifications to the proposal.

The amendments adopted by this action conclude the County's periodic review under RCW 90.58.080(4). Ecology's approval affirms the amendment is consistent with the applicable provisions of the SMA and its implementing rules, including periodic review requirements of WAC 173-26-090.

The amended SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This time period was established by the state legislature and is intended to provide lead-time for the County to prepare to implement the amended SMP.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the County's SMP has received final approval. The publication of this notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the County for its amendment record. Please send Ecology a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP that includes the amendment changes.

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If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Chelsea Benner, at Chelsea.Benner@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 454-3619.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Watson', written in a cursive style.

Laura Watson
Director

Enclosure

cc: Greg Wendt, Benton County
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Gary Graff, Ecology