October 16, 2019

The Honorable Patricia Johnson  
City of Buckley  
PO Box 1960  
Buckley, WA 98321

Re:  City of Buckley Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review – Conditional Approval, Ordinance 15-19

Dear Mayor Johnson:

I would like to commend the City of Buckley (City) for its efforts in developing the periodic review of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendment. 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. Changes are detailed in Attachment B. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology’s decision are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090(2)(e), at this point, the City may:

- Agree to the proposed changes (required and/or recommended 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 developed by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur when the City and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guideline 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
Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City Planning Staff, both Kathy James and Leticia Wallgren have put into the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review.

We look forward to concluding the SMP amendment 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, Sarah Cassal at Sarah.Cassal@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-7459.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures

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