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July 31, 2019

The Honorable Dale Jacobson
Town of Cathlamet
375 Second Street
Cathlamet, WA 98612

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of Town of Cathlamet Shoreline Master Program
Comprehensive Update**

Dear Mayor Jacobson:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Town of Cathlamet's (Town) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, Council and the Cathlamet community for completing this comprehensive update. We know this has been a long and challenging process. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the SMP update took place between Ecology and the Town:

- September 26, 2017 – Ecology accepted the Town's locally approved SMP update (Resolution No. 356-17) as a complete submittal for purposes of review.
- June 17, 2019 – Ecology conditionally approved the Town's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- July 18, 2019 – The Town sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of Ecology's required changes and recommended changes (Ordinance No. 613-19).

Ecology therefore approves the Town's comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to required and recommended changes. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the Town's proposal.

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The effective date of the Town's comprehensive SMP update is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This fourteen day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the City to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the Town's SMP has received final approval. The 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 Town for its records.

Finally, please integrate all the changes referenced in this correspondence into the Town's SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward a final clean copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Michelle McConnell, at michelle.mcconnell@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6349.

Sincerely,



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