The Honorable Dennis Weber  
Cowlitz County Board of County Commissioners  
207 Fourth Avenue N, Room 305  
Kelso, WA 98626  

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

Dear Chair Weber:

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

Ecology approves the County’s SMP periodic review 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 amendment adopted by this action concludes 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 the 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 amendment has received final approval. The publication of this notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 30-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the notice to the County for its amendment record.

If not already provided, please send Ecology a final clean-copy version of the complete approved SMP that includes the amendment changes.

If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Michelle McConnell, at Michelle.McConnell@ecy.wa.gov or 360-407-6349.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Laura Watson
Director

Enclosure

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