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January 28, 2022

The Honorable Marc Straub
Douglas County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 747
Waterville, WA 98858-0747

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

Dear Chair Straub:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Douglas County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review amendment. Ecology finds 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 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 SMP 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 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 advertisement, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the notice to the County for its amendment record.

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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 Shoreline 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: Mark Botello, Douglas County
Chelsea Benner, Ecology
Gary Graff, Ecology