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December 18, 2019

The Honorable Wes Cormier
Grays Harbor County Administration Building
100 West Broadway, Suite 1
Montesano, WA 98563

**Re: Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval**

Dear Commissioner Cormier:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Grays Harbor (County) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update and the SMP will provide a framework to guide development and environmental protection along the County's shorelines into the future.

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. These changes are detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes are proposed in Attachment C. 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 County may:

- Agree to the proposed 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 County and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guidelines requirements.



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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 County Commission, the Planning Commission, the Shoreline Planning Committee, County staff, in particular Jane Hewitt and Alice Shawyer, and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program Update.

We look forward to concluding the SMP update 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, Kim Van Zwalenburg at Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

Enclosures

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