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July 28, 2020

The Honorable Vickie L. Raines
Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners
100 West Broadway, Suite 1
Montesano, WA 98563

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Grays Harbor County Shoreline Master Program
Comprehensive Update**

Dear Commissioner Raines:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Grays Harbor County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Grays Harbor County 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 County:

- October 9, 2018 – Ecology accepted the County's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (Resolution No. 2018-034).
- December 18, 2019 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- July 24, 2020 – The County sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of Ecology's required and recommended changes (Ordinance Nos. 453 and 454).

Ecology therefore approves the County'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 County's proposal.

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The effective date of the County'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 County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the County's SMP has received final approval. The notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 30-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the County for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the County's SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward a digital 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, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Misty Blair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Misty Blair
Shoreline Policy Lead

cc: Jane Hewitt, Grays Harbor County
Perry J Lund, Ecology
Kim Van Zwalenburg, Ecology