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January 28, 2020

The Honorable Norm Johnson  
Town of Index  
PO Box 88  
Index, WA 98256

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Index Shoreline Master Program**

Dear Mayor Johnson:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Town of Index (Town) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) comprehensive update and periodic review. Ecology finds the Town's program consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) (SMA) and its implementing rules.

Ecology approves the Town's SMP update and 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 amendments adopted by this action conclude the Town's comprehensive update and periodic review under RCW 90.58.080. Ecology's approval affirms the amendments are consistent with the applicable provisions of the SMA and its implementing rules.

The 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 Town to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the Town's SMP has received final approval. The publication of this 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.

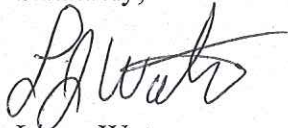
Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the Town Council, Town staff (Kim Peterson), and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program update.



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If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner at [david.pater@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:david.pater@ecy.wa.gov) or (360) 255-4375.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Watson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Laura Watson  
Director

Enclosure

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cc: Kim Peterson, Town of Index  
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