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September 30, 2019

The Honorable Don Anderson
City of Lakewood
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

**Re: Approval of the Lakewood Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review
Amendment, Ordinance 711, with recommended changes**

Dear Mayor Anderson:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Lakewood (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed amendment to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for the required periodic review. We appreciate the significant effort invested by your staff and engaged community.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) finds the City's SMP amendment is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines.

However, Ecology has worked with City staff to identify specific recommended changes for further clarity to aid applicants and practitioners during implementation. These recommendations are included in Attachment B - Ecology Recommended Changes. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the City's proposed SMP amendment are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the City may:

- Agree to the proposed recommended changes, or
- Submit alternative language to the recommended changes. Ecology will then review each alternative submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the changes originally proposed by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act, or
- Retain existing language in the SMP as submitted to Ecology.

Please provide your written response within 30 days to the Director's Office at the following address:



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Final Ecology approval will occur when the City and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guideline requirements.

Thank you again for your efforts. We look forward to concluding the SMP amendment process in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the recommended changes identified by Ecology, please contact our Regional Planner, Michelle McConnell, at (360) 407-6349 or Michelle.McConnell@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures

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