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October 16, 2020

The Honorable Geoffrey Thomas,  
City of Monroe, Office of the Mayor  
806 West Main Street  
Monroe, WA 98272

**Re: City of Monroe Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Amendment – Conditional Approval**

Dear Mayor Thomas:

I commend the City of Monroe (City) for its efforts in developing proposed Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendments. As we have discussed with your staff, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These changes are detailed in Attachment B. 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 City 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 City and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guideline requirements.

Please provide your response within 30 days to the Director at, [laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov). Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City Council, City staff, the Planning Commission and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program periodic review. We look forward to concluding this periodic review process in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact our regional section Manager, Joe Burcar, at [Joe.Burcar@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Joe.Burcar@ecy.wa.gov) or 425-681-1051.

Sincerely,

Laura Watson  
Director

Enclosure

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