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August 24, 2022

The Honorable Jill Boudreau
City of Mount Vernon
910 Cleveland Avenue
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the City of Mount Vernon Shoreline Master Program
Periodic Review Amendment**

Dear Mayor Boudreau:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the City of Mount Vernon's (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review amendment. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Mount Vernon community for completing the periodic review of your SMP. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land-use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the recent SMP periodic review took place between Ecology and the City:

- January 11, 2022 – Ecology accepted your locally-adopted SMP (Ordinance No. 3842) submittal as complete.
- July 8, 2022 – Ecology conditionally approved the City's SMP periodic review amendment with required and recommended changes.
- August 18, 2022 – The City sent a letter to Ecology accepting all Ecology's required and recommended changes.

Ecology therefore approves the City's periodic review amendment, which includes the required and recommended changes. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be

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no further modifications to the City's proposal. **The effective date of the City's SMP periodic review amendment is 14 days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter.** This 14-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the City to prepare to implement the amended SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that your SMP has received final approval. The 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 City for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP, including the appendices, within 30 days. 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 periodic review. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Stephanie Barney, at Stephanie.Barney@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 296-2103.

Sincerely,

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

Misty Blair
Shoreline Management Policy Lead

cc: Rebecca Lowell, City of Mount Vernon
Stephanie Barney, Ecology
Joe Burcar, Ecology