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February 25, 2026

The Honorable Andy Hover
Okanogan County
123 Fifth Avenue N. Room 150
Okanogan, WA 98841

Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Okanogan County Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Amendment

Dear Chairman Hover:

The Washington State Department of Ecology is pleased to announce final approval of Okanogan County's (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review amendment. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Okanogan 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 County:

- May 2, 2024 – Ecology accepted your locally-adopted SMP (Resolution No. 79-2023) submittal as complete.
- February 2, 2026 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's SMP periodic review amendment with recommended changes.
- February 23, 2026 – The County sent an email to Ecology accepting all Ecology's recommended changes.

Ecology therefore approves the County's periodic review amendment, which includes the recommended changes. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.

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

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that your SMP amendment has received final approval. The notice, in the form of a legal advertisement, will begin a 30-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the notice to you for your SMP record.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP and provide one digital copy to Ecology within 30 days.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP periodic review. If you have any questions, please contact our Senior Regional Planner, Lennard Jordan, at Lennard.Jordan@ecy.wa.gov or 509-406-5202.

Sincerely,

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