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November 4, 2019

The Honorable Douglas Richardson, Chair
Pierce County Council
930 Tacoma Avenue S, Rm 1046
Tacoma, WA 98402

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Pierce County Shoreline Master Program -
Amendment**

Dear Chairman Richardson:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Pierce County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendment. Ecology finds the County's amendment is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and its implementing rules.

Ecology, therefore, approves the County's SMP 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 SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This 14-day period was established by the state legislature in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP amendment.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the County's SMP amendment 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 County for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the County's SMP. When this is complete, please forward one clean digital copy of the approved amended SMP to Ecology.



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If you have any questions, please contact our senior regional planner, Kim Van Zwalenburg at Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,



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Director

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