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February 2, 2022

The Honorable Derek Young, Chair
Pierce County Council
930 Tacoma Avenue S, Rm 1046
Tacoma, WA 98402

Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Pierce County Shoreline Master Program Locally Initiated Amendment, Ordinance 2021-90s

Dear Chair Young:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Pierce County (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendment. This amendment is in reference to Ordinance 2021-90s that removes the County's flood regulations in Chapter 118E.70, Flood Hazard Areas from the SMP while updating Chapter 18E.10 and 18E.20. Ecology finds the County's amendment is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA) and its implementing rules.

Ecology 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 amended SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This time period was established by the state legislature to provide lead-time for the County to prepare to implement the amended SMP.

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 advertisement, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the notice to the County for its amendment record.

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Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the County's SMP. When this is complete, please send Ecology a final clean copy version of the complete approved amended SMP.

If you have any questions, please contact our Senior Shoreline Planner, Tess Brandon, at tess.brandon@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6520.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Watson', written in a cursive style.

Laura Watson

Director

Enclosure

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