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November 15, 2021

The Honorable Becky Erickson  
Poulsbo City Hall  
200 Northeast Moe Street  
Poulsbo, WA 98370

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

Dear Mayor Erickson:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Poulsbo (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendment. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this periodic review and amendment process.

As we have discussed with your staff, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) considered the record and concluded that portions of the proposal were not consistent with applicable laws and rules. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A. The specific changes identified as necessary to make the proposal approvable are detailed in Attachment B.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the City may:

- Agree to the proposed changes as shown in Attachment B, 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).

We look forward to concluding the SMP periodic review amendment process in the near future. If you have questions, or would like to discuss the changes identified by Ecology, please contact our regional planner, Maria Sandercock, at [maria.sandercock@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:maria.sandercock@ecy.wa.gov) or (425) 256-1372.

Sincerely,

Laura Watson  
Director

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