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Mike Thomas, County Manager  
San Juan County  
52 Second Street  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the San Juan County Shoreline Master Program Amendment**

Dear County Manager Thomas:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of San Juan County's (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review amendment. Ecology finds the County's amendment is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of RCW 90.58, the Shoreline Management Act (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 amendments adopted by this action conclude the County's periodic review under RCW 90.58.080(4). Ecology's approval affirms the amendments are consistent with the applicable provisions of the SMA and its implementing rules, including periodic review requirements of WAC 173-26-090.

The SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This time period was established by the state legislature and is intended 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 ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the County for its amendment record.

Please send Ecology a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP that includes the amendment changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Chad Yunge at [chad.yunge@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:chad.yunge@ecy.wa.gov) or (360) 366-6186.

Sincerely,

Laura Watson  
Director

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