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November 22, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Dorcy
City of Shelton
525 W Cota Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Re: Ecology Approval of Shelton Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Amendment

Dear Mayor Dorcy:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Shelton (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed amendments of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) as part of your periodic review. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested by your staff and engaged community.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) finds the City's SMP amendments are consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines. However, Ecology has worked with City staff to prepare recommended changes to provide further clarity in the SMP including changes regarding the application of the City's critical areas ordinance in shoreline jurisdiction. These recommendations are included in Attachment B – Ecology Recommended Changes. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the City's proposed SMP amendment are contained in Attachment A.

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

- Agree to the proposed recommended changes;
- Decline the proposed recommended changes; or
- Submit an alternative proposal. Ecology will then review each alternative submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the changes originally submitted by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act (SMA);

Please provide your response within 30 days to the Director at laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov.

Final Ecology approval will occur after the City responds to Ecology communicating the City decision on the recommended changes. Ecology's final approval will be in the form of a letter,

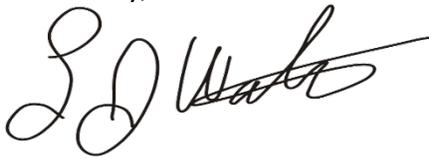
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and will be sent upon receipt of the City's decision to include or decline Ecology's recommended changes, or after the City and Ecology have reached agreement on alternative changes.

Thank you again for your efforts. We look forward to receiving your written response and concluding this SMP amendment in the near future.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the changes identified by Ecology, please contact our Shoreline Planner, Heather Bush, at (425) 417-6982 or Heather.Bush@ecy.wa.gov.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Watson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laura Watson
Director

Enclosures

cc: Jason Dose, City of Shelton
Perry Lund, Ecology
Kim Van Zwalenburg, Ecology