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June 21, 2021

The Honorable Matthew Larson  
City of Snoqualmie  
38624 SE River Street  
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

**Re: City of Snoqualmie Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update and  
Periodic Review – Conditional Approval**

Dear Mayor Larson:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Snoqualmie (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update and additional efforts to include the required SMP periodic review. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update and the SMP will provide a framework to guide development and environmental protection along the City's shorelines into the future.

As we have already discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has identified specific changes necessary to make the proposal approvable. These required changes are detailed in Attachment B. Additional recommended changes are proposed in Attachment C. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A.

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

- Agree to the proposed changes, 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 after the City responds to Ecology communicating the acceptance of our required changes and the City's decision on the recommended changes. Ecology's final approval will be in the form of a letter, and will be sent upon receipt of the City's written notification that the proposed changes are acceptable to the City, or after the City and Ecology have reached an agreement on alternative language that meets the statutory and Guidelines requirements.

Please provide your response within 30 days to the Director at [laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov).

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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City Council, Planning Commission, City staff (past & present) and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program comprehensive update and periodic review. Thank you again for your efforts to continue to improve the City's SMP. We look forward to receiving your written response and concluding this SMP update process in the near future.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the changes identified by Ecology, please contact our Regional Planner, Railin Santiago, at [Railin.Santiago@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Railin.Santiago@ecy.wa.gov) or (425) 301-6989.

Sincerely,

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: Joe Burcar, Ecology  
Railin Santiago, Ecology  
Mark Hofman, City of Snoqualmie  
Jason Rogers, City of Snoqualmie