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January 3, 2022

The Honorable Ben Wick
City of Spokane Valley
10210 E. Sprague Avenue
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Re: City of Spokane Valley Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Amendment – Conditional Approval

Dear Mayor Wick:

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

As we have discussed with your staff, the Washington State 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 change 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 submitted for consistency with the purpose and intent of the change 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 written response within 30 days. Your response can be sent to me at laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov.

We look forward to concluding the SMP periodic review amendment process in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the change identified, please contact our regional planner, Lauren Bromley, at lauren.bromley@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 220-7750.

Yours truly,

Laura Watson
Director

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