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September 9, 2020

The Honorable John Ridlington
City of Kettle Falls
580 Meyers Street
Kettle Falls, WA 99141

Re: Final Ecology Approval of the Stevens County Partnership Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Mayor Ridlington:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Stevens County Partnership (Partnership) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, the respective Planning Commissions, staff, and the community for completing this comprehensive update. Ecology finds the Partnership's SMP is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines.

Ecology, therefore, approves the Partnership's comprehensive SMP update 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 SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This 14-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for jurisdictions to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the Partnership's SMP 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 records.

If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Jeremy Sikes, at Jeremy.sikes@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 329-3426.

Sincerely,

Laura Watson
Director

Enclosures

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