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January 21, 2022

The Honorable Scott Anderson
Stevenson City Hall
7121 East Loop Road
Stevenson, WA 98648

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

Dear Mayor Anderson:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend City of Stevenson (City) for its efforts in preparing 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.

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

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City Council, the Planning Commission, the Shoreline Advisory Committee, City Planning Director, and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update and Periodic Review over the past many years.

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, Michelle McConnell, at Michelle.McConnell@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6349.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Watson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Laura Watson

Director

Enclosures

cc: Ben Shumaker, City of Stevenson
Perry Lund, Ecology
Michelle McConnell, Ecology