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August 21, 2023

The Honorable Bruce Bosch
City of Sumas
433 Cherry Street
Sumas, WA 98295

RE: City of Sumas Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Amendment – Conditional Approval

Dear Mayor Bosch:

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

Ecology conditionally approves the City's SMP periodic review amendment.

As we have discussed with your staff, the Washington State Department of 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 our decision are contained in Attachment A. The specific changes 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(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 when the City and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and guideline requirements.

Please provide your initial written response within 30 days 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 changes identified, please contact our regional planner, Stephanie Barney, at stephanie.barney@ecy.wa.gov or 360-296-2103.

Yours truly,

Laura Watson
Director

Enclosures

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