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September 14, 2012

Mr. Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle WA 98104-1818

Re: King County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Ordinance Number 16985

Dear Executive Constantine:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend King County (County) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update by your staff and engaged community. This new SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along nearly 2,000 miles of marine, stream, and lake shorelines throughout the unincorporated areas of the County.

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. The required changes together with supporting rationale are detailed in Attachment B. Suggested changes are proposed in Attachment C. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the County's proposed SMP update are contained in Attachment A. Also enclosed is a Responsiveness Summary for Public Comments as Attachment D.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the County 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 submitted by Ecology and with the Shoreline Management Act.

Final Ecology approval will occur when the County and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and guideline requirements.



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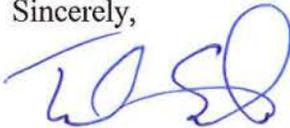
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WA State Department of Ecology
Attention: Director's Office
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you, the county council and county staff have put into the SMP update. In particular, we appreciate the effort that Harry Reinert, at the Department of Development and Environmental Services, has made to bring this SMP update to completion.

Thank you again for your efforts. We look forward to concluding the 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, David Radabaugh, at David.Radabaugh@ecy.wa.gov/(425) 649-4260.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures (3)

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