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January 14, 2013

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

**RE: Final Ecology Approval of King County Shoreline Master Program  
Comprehensive Update**

Dear Executive Constantine:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the King County's (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff and the community for completing this comprehensive update. We know this has been a long and challenging process. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the SMP update took place between Ecology and the County:

- December 19, 2011 – Ecology accepted the City's locally adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (Ordinance Number 16985).
- September 14, 2012 – Ecology conditionally approved the County's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and suggested changes.
- December 3, 2012 – The County passed Ordinance Number 17485 agreeing to 16 of Ecology's 23 required changes and proposing minor revisions to the remaining 7 of Ecology's required changes.
- Ordinance Number 17485 also proposed minor revisions to 4 of Ecology's suggested changes and rejected 2 of Ecology's suggested changes.

Upon review, Ecology finds the County's alternative language to both the required and suggested changes to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes originally required by Ecology. The proposed changes are also consistent with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and



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applicable rules. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the County's SMP are contained in Attachment A, January 9, 2013, addendum.

Ecology therefore approves the County's comprehensive SMP update, which includes the agreed to required changes that includes the alternative language shown on the addendum to Attachment B (required changes) and addendum to Attachment C (suggested changes). This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.

**The effective date of the County's comprehensive SMP update is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter.** This fourteen-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the County's SMP has received final approval. The 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.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the County's SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward two clean, hard copies and one digital copy of the complete approved SMP with appropriate maps and appendices to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our regional section manager, David Radabaugh, at [David.Radabaugh@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:David.Radabaugh@ecy.wa.gov)/(425) 649-4260.

Sincerely,



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