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June 27, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

The Honorable Marc Boldt, Chair
Clark County Board of Commissioners
Clark County Public Service Center
1300 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA 98666

**RE: Clark County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval, Ordinance Number 2011-11-14**

Dear Commissioner Boldt:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Clark County (County) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive update to your Shoreline Master Program (SMP). It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update by your staff and engaged community. I am particularly impressed by the high degree of planning and coordination that took place with all County communities to improve regulatory consistency along your shorelines regardless of political boundaries. This new SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along nearly 280 miles of shoreline 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 are detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes are proposed in Attachment C. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the County's proposed update to the SMP are contained in Attachment A.

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 SMA.

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



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Please provide your written response within 30 days to the Director's Office at the following address:

WA State Department of Ecology
Attention: Director's Office
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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you, the Board of County Commissioners, Community Development Services staff (Gordy Euler and Gary Albrecht), the Planning Commission and the Clark County Coalition advisory committees have put into the Shoreline Master Program update.

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, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at Kim.Vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,



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Director

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