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November 10, 2011

The Honorable Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton
1055 South Grady Way
Renton, WA 98507

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of City of Renton's Comprehensive
Shoreline Master Program Update, Ordinance 5633**

Dear Mayor Law:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the city of Renton's (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to you, your staff and the Renton 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 City:

- October 25, 2010 – Ecology accepted the City's locally-adopted SMP update as complete for purposes of review (adopted as Resolution No. 4067).
- March 9, 2011 – Ecology conditionally approved the City's comprehensive SMP update with specific required and recommended changes.
- April 6, 2011 – The City sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of the recommended changes and a majority of the required changes. The City also proposed alternative language for overwater trails and asked that Ecology reconsider the required change on width of single-family docks and piers.
- July 28, 2011 – Ecology sent a letter to the City remaining firm on the limit to maximum width of single-family docks and piers.
- October 25, 2011 – The City sent a letter to Ecology agreeing to all of Ecology's recommended and required changes. In addition to the alternative language regarding public overwater trails, the City proposed clarifying language that allows buffer averaging in Lake Washington Reach C, if consistent with federally-approved, superfund-site clean-up, and provided minor corrections to the shoreline environment mapping overlay and associated text.



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Upon review, Ecology finds the City's alternative provisions and additional minor changes proposed in the October 25, 2011, letter to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the changes originally proposed by Ecology and with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and applicable rules.

Therefore, Ecology approves the City's comprehensive SMP update, together with the revisions specified above. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City's proposal.

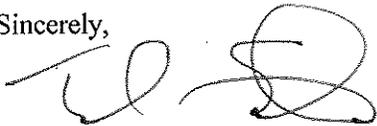
The effective date of the City's comprehensive SMP update is fourteen days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This fourteen-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the City to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that the City'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 City for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into the City's SMP proposal. When this is complete, please forward two clean hard copies and one digital copy of the complete, approved SMP to Barbara Nightingale within 30 days. This important step will ensure that the City's updated SMP is accurately incorporated into the official SMP of record.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP update. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Barbara Nightingale, at barbara.nightingale@ecy.wa.gov/(425) 649-4309.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures

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