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July 26, 2013

The Honorable Rebecca Olness
City of Black Diamond
24301 Roberts Drive
Black Diamond, WA 98010

Re: City of Black Diamond Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update – Conditional Approval, Resolution Number 12-829

Dear Mayor Olness:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city of Black Diamond (City) 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. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the City's shorelines.

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. These changes are detailed in Attachment B. Recommended changes are included in Attachment C. Ecology's findings and conclusions related to the City's proposed SMP update are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the City 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 City and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guidelines requirements.

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
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-6700

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you, the City Council, Natural Resources staff (Director Aaron Nix), the Planning Commission, and the Shoreline Advisory Committee 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, Anthony Boscolo at Anthony.Boscolo@ecy.wa.gov or (425) 649-7049.

Sincerely,

Maia D. Bellon

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