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August 30, 2011

The Honorable Margaret Harto, Mayor
City of Covington
16720 Southeast 271st Street, Suite 100
Covington, WA 98042-4964

Re: City of Covington - Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program SMP Update Approval Ordinance No. 05-11

Dear Mayor Harto:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Covington (City) for its efforts in developing the proposed Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. It is not only consistent with the needs of the City, but also with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines.

That said, it pleases me to inform you that the City's SMP is approved as submitted. This approval includes correction of two clerical errors that reference WAC 173-14 instead of WAC 173-27. The amendment is effective fourteen days after of the date of this letter. The enclosed Attachment A, Findings and Conclusions document provides more information about our decision. This is the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology) final action and there will be no further modifications to the proposal.

As a reminder, Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice stating that Ecology has taken final action on the amendment. The publication of the notice begins a 60-day public appeal period.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bob Fritzen, our Regional Planner, at Bob.Fritzen@ecy.wa.gov/(360) 715-5207

Sincerely,

Ted Sturdevant by Polly Zehm

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Director

Enclosures

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