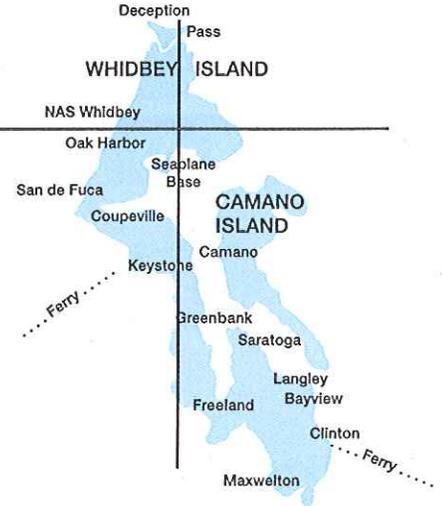


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Re: Island County Shoreline Master Program Update

Maia D. Bellon, Director:

The Board of Island County Commissioners and the Island County Planning Commission have publicly reviewed the required and recommended changes identified in your letter dated August 17, 2015. A final public hearing will be held to discuss this matter on December 15, 2015.

In accordance with RCW 90.58.090(2)(e)(i), Island County accepts, and agrees to make, both the required and recommended changes proposed by your Department. However, during our review, we noted that implementing the change identified as "item 37" on attachment B of your letter would result in a code conflict. In order to rectify this conflict, we would like to propose a modification to better implement this change in accordance with the provisions of RCW 90.58.090(2)(e)(ii). The proposed alternative language is attached to this letter.

On December 15, 2015, Island County will hold a public hearing to adopt by ordinance, and codify, the changes to the Island County Code and Comprehensive Plan necessary to implement the updated Shoreline Master Program. A copy of the approved ordinance will be sent to your office following the hearing.

We would like to commend your staff on their willingness to work with us in addressing Island County's unique local circumstances and issues. In particular, David Pater and Tim Gates went to great lengths in helping us craft an SMP which strikes an appropriate balance between State priorities and local concerns. Their work is exemplary of the cooperative partnership envisioned by the Shoreline Management Act.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Island County Planning Department.

Respectfully,

Helen Price Johnson, Chair  
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