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September 24, 2012

The Honorable Ava Frisinger, Mayor
City of Issaquah
130 East Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA 98027

**RE: City of Issaquah Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update -
Conditional Approval, Resolution No. 2011-11**

Dear Mayor Frisinger:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Issaquah (City) for its efforts in developing your proposed updated comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP). It is obvious that significant effort was invested in this update by your staff and engaged community. The SMP will provide a framework to guide residential and commercial development along the City's shorelines, while also recognizing the protection of existing shoreline buffers and wetlands.

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. 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 guideline requirements.



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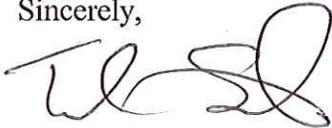
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WA State Department of Ecology
Attention: Director's Office
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Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that you, the City Council, the Planning Commission, the staff of your Planning Department (particularly Peter Rosen), 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, David Pater, at David.Pater@ecy.wa.gov or (425) 649-4253.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures (2)

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