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April 22, 2015

The Honorable Stephen Buxbaum
City of Olympia
PO Box 1967
Olympia, WA 98507-1967

**Re: City of Olympia Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval, Resolution M1797**

Dear Mayor Buxbaum:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Olympia (City) for its hard work in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Significant effort was invested in this process, and the SMP will provide a framework to guide development, environmental protection and restoration in the City's shoreline areas into the future.

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 proposed in Attachment C and Exhibit C-1. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A. Attachment D contains the City's and Ecology's responses to public comments received during Ecology's review of the proposed SMP.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point the City may:

- Agree to the proposed changes (required and/or recommended 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 developed 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.



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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 the City Council, City staff, the Planning Commission and the community 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, Chrissy Bailey, at Chrissy.Bailey@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-0290.

Sincerely,



Maia D. Bellon
Director

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