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November 5, 2021

The Honorable Dow Constantine King County Chinook Building 401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800 Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Final Ecology Approval of the King County Shoreline Master Program Locally Initiated Amendment

Dear Executive Dow Constantine:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of King County's (County) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) locally initiated amendment. Ecology finds the County's amendment consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) and its implementing rules.

Ecology approves the County's SMP amendment as submitted.

This amendment includes changes as identified within Ordinances 19128, 19146, and 19244. The enclosed Attachment A, Findings and Conclusions document, provides more information about our decision. Ecology's approval affirms the SMP remains consistent with the applicable provisions of the SMA and its implementing rules. This is Ecology's final action and there shall be no further modifications to the County's proposal.

The amended SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This time period was established by legislative action and is intended to provide lead time for the County to prepare to implement the amended SMP.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice of this final approval. The publication of this notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the legal ad to the County for its record.

Please send Ecology a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP that includes all the approved changes.

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If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, Railin Santiago, at 425-301-6989 or railin.santiago@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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