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May 31, 2018

The Honorable Douglas Richardson, Chair
Pierce County Council
930 Tacoma Avenue S, Rm 1046
Tacoma, WA 98402

**Re: Pierce County Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program Update –
Conditional Approval**

Dear Chairman Richardson:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Pierce County (County) for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. It is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and habitat restoration along the County's shorelines.

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. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58.090 (2)(e), at this point, the County 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 County and Ecology agree on language that meets statutory and Guideline 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 County Council, current and former County staff including Deborah Hyde, David Risvold, and Mike Krueger, the Planning Commission, the Shoreline Citizens Advisory Committee, and the community have put into the Shoreline Master Program update.

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 Senior Regional Planner, Kim Van Zwalenburg, at kim.vanzwalenburg@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6520.

Sincerely,


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Director

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