



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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May 23, 2024

The Honorable Brian Sabo  
City of North Bonneville  
PO Box 7  
North Bonneville, WA 98639

RE: City of North Bonneville Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update and  
Periodic Review – Conditional Approval

Dear Mayor Sabo:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of North Bonneville for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. This was a long project, and it is obvious that a significant effort was invested in this update and related periodic review. The SMP will provide a framework to guide development and environmental protection along the City's shorelines into the future.

**Ecology conditionally approves the City's SMP amendment.**

As we have discussed with your staff, Ecology considered the record and concluded that portions of the proposal were not consistent with applicable laws and rules. The findings and conclusions that support Ecology's decision are contained in Attachment A. The specific changes identified as necessary to make the proposal approvable, along with additional recommended changes, are detailed in Attachment B.

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

- Agree to the proposed changes as shown in Attachment B, 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.

Please provide your initial response within 30 days to me at [laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:laura.watson@ecy.wa.gov).

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Final Ecology approval will be issued after the City responds to Ecology communicating both the acceptance of our required changes and the City's decision on the recommended changes. Ecology's final approval will be in the form of a letter and will be sent upon receipt of the City's written notification that the proposed changes are acceptable to the City, or after the City and Ecology have reached an agreement on alternative language that meets the statutory and Guidelines requirements.

Ecology appreciates the dedicated work that the City Council, City staff, the Planning Commission and the community have put into the SMP comprehensive update and periodic review over the past many years. We look forward to concluding the SMP amendment process in the near future.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the changes identified, please contact our Regional Shoreline Planner, Michelle McConnell, at [michelle.mcconnell@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:michelle.mcconnell@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-701-5262.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laura Watson  
Director

Enclosures

cc: Richard Hall, City of North Bonneville  
Maria Sandercock, Ecology  
Michelle McConnell, Ecology