October 29, 2019

The Honorable Jenny A. Durkan
City of Seattle
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Re: Final Ecology Approval of the City of Seattle Shoreline Master Program Amendment

Dear Mayor Durkan:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the City of Seattle’s (City) Shoreline Master Program (SMP) amendment. Ecology finds the City’s program amendment consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA) and its implementing rules. This amendment clarifies the definition of a “vessel” and makes other clarifications designed to ensure terms are used appropriately and consistently throughout the SMP.

Ecology approves the City’s SMP amendment as submitted.

The enclosed Attachment A, Findings and Conclusions document, provides more information about our decision. This is Ecology’s final action and there will be no further modifications to the proposal.

Ecology’s approval affirms the amendments are consistent with the applicable provisions of the SMA and its implementing rules.

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

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the City’s SMP has received 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 City for its records. Please send Ecology a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP that incorporates the amendment changes.
If you have any questions, please contact our SMA Policy Lead, Misty Blair at (425) 649-4309 or Misty.Blair@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosure

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