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WA State Department of Ecology
Attn: Director's Office
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SUBJECT: Pending Submittal of County Response on Required and Recommended SMP Changes

Dear Mr. Sturdevant,

We were pleased to receive your letter dated January 26 of this year that indicates the Department's conditional approval of our Comprehensive Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. Your words of support were also greatly appreciated. We have been diligently reviewing the letter's attached findings and conclusions, required and recommended changes and have been working with our staff to prepare our response. While we anticipate agreeing to many of the changes, there are some that require further negotiation and we anticipate proposing alternative amendments to address the Department's concerns as best suited to our jurisdiction.

Because we anticipate making changes to the SMP locally approved by Jefferson County Resolution #77-09, we will be upholding the tenets of public participation by allowing for further public comment on the specific changes proposed. We expect to hold a public hearing in mid-March. The additional round of public involvement will take time to conduct in a thorough manner. Therefore, we are writing to inform you that we anticipate submitting our response to the Department on or before April 30, 2011.

As has been true throughout this SMP Update, we will continue to coordinate with your staff to ensure consistency with statutory and administrative rule requirements.

We look forward to continuing to work with your agency to complete the final review and approval process.

Sincerely,

John Austin, Chair