



JEFFERSON COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION

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February 18, 2009

Dear Commissioner Sullivan;

After initial review of the Preliminary Draft of the Shoreline Master Program (PDSMP) and the close of the public comment period, the Planning Commission has found that much work remains to be completed. As you know, the Planning Commission received this draft from staff in December, not September as originally planned. Moreover, the Planning Commission received over 400 written public comments on the draft, with many calling for more review time. The Planning Commission was scheduled to complete its work on the SMP by mid-March. With all due diligence and good faith, I do not believe that the Planning Commission could complete its review of the PDSMP and respond to the public comments in the given time. It is our intent to deliver a SMP that works for the community, meets all the goals of the Shoreline Management Act (resource protection, economic development, public access, no net loss of ecological resources, etc.) and has been well vetted. Consequently, the Planning requests an additional three months to complete its work on the SMP. I believe with hard work and dedication we can deliver a superior document to the BOCC by this June.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Downey", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Downey
Chair
Jefferson County Planning Commission