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Washington Department of Ecology  
Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program  
Attn: Jeffree Stewart, Project Officer  
Paula Ehlers, SW Region Section Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Responsiveness Summary – Request for Additional Time

Dear Mr. Stewart and Ms. Ehlers,

As you know, the County has been working diligently on a Responsiveness Summary as part of the state-required comprehensive update to the Shoreline Master Program (JCC 18.25). Your agency conducted a public comment period and hearing in April/May this year resulting in nearly 400 written comment letters and verbal testimonies.

State administrative rule WAC 173-26-120 allows local jurisdictions 45 days from the receipt of comments from Ecology to prepare this response. The original deadline was extended by your agency to October 4, 2010, per correspondence dated July 30, 2010.

At this time, preparation of the Responsiveness Summary is progressing, but we do not anticipate completion by the October 4 deadline. The delay is due, in part, to the unprecedented volume of public input, continued challenges with the review process, as well as staff work load, vacation and sick leave absences. In addition, we want to ensure that we conduct a thorough review and work with staff in the preparation of the summary document.

Therefore, **we request an additional 40 business days, making the new submittal deadline November 30, 2010** for our Responsiveness Summary. We remain committed to meeting the WAC requirements and to give due diligence to considering the large volume of public input.

We look forward to your prompt approval of this request.

Sincerely,

David Sullivan, Chair