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Washington Department of Ecology
Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program
Attn: Jeffree Stewart, Project Officer
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Sent via E-mail

SUBJECT: Responsiveness Summary – Request for Additional Time

Dear Jeffree and Paula,

As you know, the County has been working diligently on the state-required comprehensive update to the Shoreline Master Program (JCC 18.25) for several years. Our Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 77-09 last December to submit the *Locally Approved SMP* (LA-SMP) for the final State review and adoption process. The LA-SMP submittal packet was sent to your agency in March. You and your colleagues conducted a public comment period and hearing in April/May this year resulting in nearly 400 comment letters and verbal testimonies.

Per WAC 173-26-120, the County is required to provide WA Department of Ecology (Ecology) with a review of and response to the issues raised by comments received during the state-wide public comment period. The WAC allows local jurisdictions 45 days from the receipt of comments from Ecology to prepare this response. Ecology transmitted the bulk of public comments to the County on May 28, making for a July 30 deadline as confirmed by your letter dated July 20. Ecology subsequently transmitted additional related materials on four occasions (hearing transcript, lost comment letters, draft summary table) to the County, last sent on July 20. Further work on organizing and summarizing the many comments is currently underway.

I have been directed by our Board of County Commissioners to **request an additional 45 days, making the new due date October 4, 2010** for submittal of our Responsiveness Summary. We remain committed to meeting the WAC requirements and to give due diligence to considering the overwhelming volume of public input.

We look forward to your prompt approval of this request.

Sincerely,


Michelle McConnell,
Associate Planner