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February 23, 2017

The Honorable Michael A. Talbott, Chairman  
Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
341 East Main Street, Suite #4  
Dayton, WA 99328

**Re: Final Ecology Approval of the 2016 Southeast Washington Coalition Shoreline  
Master Program Update**

Dear Chairman Talbott:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is pleased to announce final approval of the Southeast Washington Coalition 2016 Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update. Congratulations to the Board of Commissioners, Building Official/Planning Director, Kim Lyonnais, and the Planning Board for completing this comprehensive update. Ecology finds Columbia County's (County) program to be consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) and its implementing rules.

Ecology approves the County's comprehensive SMP update 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.

The 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 County to prepare to implement the new SMP.

Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the County'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 Columbia County for its records.

If you have any questions, please contact our regional planner, David Pater [david.pater@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:david.pater@ecy.wa.gov) or (425) 649-4253.

Sincerely,

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Director

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David Pater, Ecology

