July 20, 2011

Attn: Geoff Tallent and Joe Burcar
Washington State Dept. of Ecology
NW Regional Office
3190 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, Washington 98008

RE: City of Sammamish Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Mr. Tallent and Mr. Burcar:

The City of Sammamish is pleased to submit our amended Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for the Department of Ecology’s final approval. Enclosed is the adopted Ordinance and Attachment A—adopted from the July 18, 2011 City Council packet. We appreciate your prompt review and final action so our SMP can become effective as soon as practicable.

The City Council’s ordinance responds to Ecology’s required and recommended changes in your May 5, 2011 letter of conditional approval. I believe you are already familiar with the specific amendment items in Attachment A. As discussed with you by telephone, a few minor changes were also adopted as follows:

- Clarification of the term “proportional” in Item 25 to mean a 1:1 ratio
- Adding a reference to joint use docks on Pine and Beaver Lakes in SMC 25.07.050
- Amending Table 1 with a footnote that allows Setback Reduction #4 (reduced active use area) to be “optional” if the resulting width of the Active Use Area would be less than 15 feet
- Also amending Table 1 to clarify that planting below the Ordinary High Water Mark excludes the area directly in front of the Active Use Area.

As you know, the SMP is the culmination of a process involving a great deal of dedicated work by the public and stakeholders, City Council, Planning Commission, and agency staff. We believe our adopted SMP represents a balanced and approvable approach that meets state guidelines. Thank you and your colleagues for your responsiveness, insights and efforts during this challenging process.

Please contact Kamuron Gurol, Community Development Director at (425) 295-0520 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Ben Yazici
City Manager

CC: City Council
    Kamuron Gurol