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September 26, 2023

The Honorable Vini Samuel
City of Montesano
112 North Main Street
Montesano, WA 98563

RE: Final Ecology Approval of City of Montesano Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update and Periodic Review

Dear Mayor Samuel:

The Department of Ecology is pleased to announce final approval of the City of Montesano Shoreline Master Program (SMP) comprehensive update and periodic review. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City for its efforts in developing the proposed comprehensive SMP update and additional efforts to include the required SMP periodic review.

This updated SMP provides the framework to guide development and environmental protection along the City's shorelines into the future. Congratulations to City Council, Planning Commission, staff, and the Montesano community for completing this long-awaited comprehensive update. Ecology finds the City's SMP is consistent with the policy and procedural requirements of the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 and its implementing rules.

Ecology approves the City's SMP 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 adopted by this action concludes the City's comprehensive update under RCW 90.58.080(2) and periodic review under RCW 90.58.080(4). Ecology's approval affirms the SMP is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Shoreline Management Act and its implementing rules, including periodic review requirements of WAC 173-26-090.

The SMP is effective 14 days from the date of this letter. This time period was established by state legislature and is intended to provide lead time for the City to prepare to implement the new SMP.

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Ecology is required to publish a newspaper notice that the City's SMP has received final approval. The publication of this notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 30-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the notice to the City for its records.

If you have any questions, please contact our regional shoreline planner, Tess Brandon, at tess.brandon@ecy.wa.gov or 564-200-3016.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Watson', written in a cursive style.

Laura Watson
Director

Enclosure

cc: Mike Olden, City of Montesano
Tess Brandon, Ecology
Maria Sandercock, Ecology