SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

November 29, 2018

Snohomish County Council
County Administration Building
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609
Everett, WA  98201-4046

SUBJECT:  Planning Commission recommendations on proposed amendments related to 2019 Shoreline Management Program (SMP) Periodic Review

Dear Snohomish County Council:

On behalf of the Snohomish County Planning Commission, I am forwarding our recommendation to amend the Snohomish County Shoreline Management Program (SMP) as part of 2019 periodic review. The Planning Commission had a briefing on May 22, 2018, and conducted a public hearing on October 23, 2018, to consider a proposal that would:

Amend existing shoreline regulations in Title 30 Snohomish County Code (SCC) to achieve consistency with all applicable shoreline laws, rules and guidance documents;

- Revise existing shoreline maps and regulations to reflect changed circumstances, new information and/or improved data since the county last updated its SMP in 2012; and

- Clarify and improve implementation of the county’s existing shoreline regulations, administrative provisions and definitions in Chapters 30.44, 30.67 and 30.91 SCC by improving consistency and readability.

Prior to the October 23, 2018, public hearing, commissioners received written testimony from three agencies and oral testimony from one individual on the proposed shoreline code, map and policy document amendments. The Planning Commission closed public testimony on October 23, 2018, and continued deliberations to the November 27, 2018, planning commission meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At the November 27, 2018, planning commission meeting, Commissioner Hannam made a motion recommending APPROVAL of the proposed shoreline code, map and policy document amendments contained in the staff report with supported findings and conclusions, including the proposed amendment relating to “yacht and boat clubs” described in the staff memo dated November 19, 2018.

Vote:
10 in favor (Everett, Hannam, Langston, Larsen, Norcott, Pedersen, Simmonds, Taft, Temple and Wold)
1 opposed (Ash)
0 abstentions
Motion passed
This recommendation was made following the close of the public hearing and after due consideration of information presented, and is based on the findings and conclusions presented in the October 9, 2018, staff report, with which the Commission concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Jim Langston, Chairman

cc: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
    Barbara Mock, Director, Planning and Development Services