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Dear Ms. Shook:

The Shoreline Management Act requires that a comprehensively updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) be periodically reviewed every eight years. The schedule to complete these reviews is established for every community (RCW 90.58.080(4)). San Juan County is included in the second round of periodic reviews, which is due on or before June 30, 2020. We are sending you this letter to remind you of this requirement, tell you about our grants program, and suggest initial preparation steps.

***Periodic Review:***

The requirement to periodically review your SMP helps assure that your program remains consistent with any changes to the Act and the guidelines adopted by the Department of Ecology, along with any amended local comprehensive plans and regulations. We encourage you to start preparing for your periodic review by reading the periodic review rule, WAC 173-26-090, which went into effect in September 2017. Note that a new section, WAC 173-26-104, allows for an optional joint review process that combines the required local and state public comment periods.

We plan to schedule training to help you with the periodic review update in early 2019. Meanwhile, you can check our guidance documents including a summary of the periodic review rule, a checklist, frequently asked questions and example documents on our Shoreline Planners Toolbox at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Shoreline-coastal-management/Shoreline-coastal-planning/Shoreline-planners-toolbox>.

***Grant funding:***

We expect to provide grant funds for all rounds of periodic review updates. We anticipate the legislative appropriation for the 2019-2021 biennium will cover grants approximately at the level

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currently provided for jurisdictions with a 2019 deadline, although we won't know until the Legislature adopts a biennial budget. Current grant amounts are \$75,000 for counties; \$30,000 for cities over 100,000 population; \$25,000 for cities with a population of 50,000 to 100,000; \$20,000 for cities with a population of 20,000 to 50,000; \$15,000 for cities with a population of 5,000 to 20,000 and \$10,000 for cities with a population under 5,000. We may adjust these amounts for the 2019-2021 grant cycle, depending on the Legislative appropriation.

We will send you a grants award letter after the legislature acts on the budget next spring. You may begin work on your periodic review update at any time. However, you may seek reimbursement only for work that occurs after July 1, 2019, after your grant agreement with Ecology is in place.

***Amendments to your SMP:***

You may already be considering amendments to your SMP. We encourage you to combine any such amendments with the periodic review in order to address shoreline issues more efficiently and reduce the workload for your staff and ours.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Renkor, Senior Shorelines Planner, at [betty.renkor@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:betty.renkor@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-407-7469.

Sincerely,



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