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December 15, 2009

James Paulson 6782 Salmon Beach Road Anacortes, WA 98221

Dear Mr. Paulson:

Subject: Skagit County Shoreline Variance Permit PL09-0147

James Paulson - Applicant

WDOE Shoreline Tracking Number 2009-NW-20027

I certify that I mailed a copy of this document to the persons and addresses listed, postage prepaid, in a receptacle for United States mail in Bellingham, Washington on December 15, 2009.

Purpose:

Notification of Receipt and Approval of Variance Permit with Ecology Conditions.

On December 9, 2009, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received the Skagit County decision on your shoreline permit to exceed the allowed impervious surface limits associated with a single family home on Similk Bay. A condition of the permit requires an oil/water separator be installed in an existing storm drain.

By law, Ecology must review all variance permits for compliance with the following:

- The Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW)
- Ecology's Variance Permit approval criteria (Chapter 173–27–170 WAC)
- The Skagit County Shoreline Master Program

After reviewing variance permits for compliance, Ecology must decide whether to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a variance permit.

## Our Decision:

Ecology has determined that the additional impervious surface is consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and variance permit criteria. Ecology approves your variance permit provided that your project complies with the conditions required by Skagit County and the following Ecology conditions:

Because the private storm drain directly discharges to Similk Bay, the property owner shall assure that the storm drain is properly cleaned at least twice yearly and all waste material properly disposed of. By January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, the property owner shall file with the county auditor a copy of this permit to run with the property. Proof of filing shall be forwarded to this office by February 28, 2010.

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The applicant hereby authorizes Department of Ecology staff and their designees to have access to the subject property for the purposes of compliance inspection. Such right of access shall begin from the date of the receipt of this letter and extend for a period of five years following project completion. Ecology staff must provide reasonable verbal notice to the applicant or their designee prior to coming onto the site.

Failure to meet these permit conditions may result in Ecology and/or the County pursuing a permit rescission or compliance action in accordance with RCW 90.58.140(8) and .210, respectively.

## What Happens Next?

Before you begin activities authorized by this permit, the law requires you to wait at least 21 days from the mailing date of this letter (see certification above). This waiting period allows anyone (including you) who disagrees with any aspect of this permit, to appeal the decision to the state Shorelines Hearings Board. You must wait for the conclusion of an appeal before you can begin the activities authorized by this permit. If no appeal is submitted, the shoreline permit will be effective on January 5, 2010.

Please note, however, that other federal, state, and local permits may be required in addition to this shoreline permit.

The Shorelines Hearings Board will notify you by letter if they receive an appeal. We recommend, however, you contact the Shorelines Hearings Board before you begin permit activities to ensure no appeal has been received. They can be reached at (360) 459-6327 or <a href="http://www.eho.wa.gov/Boards/SHB.asp">http://www.eho.wa.gov/Boards/SHB.asp</a>.

If <u>you</u> want to appeal this decision, you can find appeal instructions (Chapter 461–08 WAC) at the Shorelines Hearings Board website above. They are also posted on the website of the Washington State Legislature at: <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Fritzen at (360) 715-5207.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Grout

Manager

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Daniel Downs, Skagit County Planning & Development Services

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