



State of Washington  
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November 20, 2008

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*SUBJECT: Addendum to November 6, 2008 comment letter submitted by WDFW regarding amendments to Grays Harbor County Code 18.06, Proposed Grays Harbor County Critical Areas Ordinance DRAFT 2, October 2008*

Dear Mr. Shea:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) would like to correct one comment in the letter submitted November 6, 2008. We inadvertently failed to recognize an amendment to section 18.06.140 (B) that includes the designation of endangered, threatened, and sensitive (ETS) wildlife habitat conservation areas in the October 2008 Draft. Please strike the following paragraph in our November 6, 2008 comment letter at the bottom of page 3:

~~Under subsection (A)(1), endangered, threatened and sensitive fish habitat conservation areas are defined. CAO provisions to protect fish habitat conservation areas, is a great start. However, we are concerned that the same provisions have not been included for wildlife species under subsection (B). Failing to designate ETS species and associated upland habitat means that many vulnerable species and habitats occurring in Grays Harbor County are afforded no protection under the October 2008 Draft CAO. Wildlife species and habitats already listed at risk of extinction, stand to be heavily impacted by upland development. We recommend the county designate wildlife habitat conservation areas that include habitats with which state or federally designated endangered, threatened, and sensitive wildlife species have a primary association. Failing to adopt provisions to protect ETS fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas will not provide the environmental protections that are the purpose of this ordinance and a goal of the state Growth Management Act.~~

We are very pleased to see ETS wildlife species and habitats have been designated and protected in the latest draft of the CAO. We recognize the many substantial improvements to the fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas section and encourage you to continue to improve the Draft by incorporating our other comments included in the November 6, 2008 comment letter. Recommended improvements, such as including water type definitions consistent with WAC

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222-16-030, designating habitats and species of local importance, and improving riparian habitat buffers, are important changes to ensure adequate protections for fish and wildlife habitat.

Thank you for your continued consideration of our November 6, 2008 comments. If you have questions, please contact me at 360-902-2618 or [knighkmk@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:knighkmk@dfw.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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