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Maggie Glowacki  
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Re: Comments on the 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Ms. Glowacki,

I am writing you on behalf of the North Seattle Industrial Association. As you know the North Seattle Industrial Association (NSIA), our members and other maritime/industrial businesses have worked cooperatively with you on the development of the various drafts of the Shoreline Master Program Update.

The Association has consistently argued that this Update is a very complex task that has to be done carefully and therefore requires a lot of time and energy to complete it successfully. State DOE officials have also stated at NSIA meetings and in conversations that it was more important to get the Update right than to rush it to them for their review.

After reviewing the latest draft, the Association feels that some additional work needs to be done before the Update is submitted to the Mayor and Council for approval. The Association feels this is just another step in the process to get the Update right. The Update will impact billions of dollars of public and private investment, as well as the future of the Seattle's shoreline environment. The Association and its members are committed to spend the time to get it right.

With each set of revision the Association feels that the Update has improved substantially. The number of our issues has diminished greatly with each draft. The Association appreciates your efforts and looks forward to continuing this successful relationship.

At the NSIA meeting in October the Mayor stated to our members that once DPD finished its version of the Shoreline Master Program Update that he would be glad to meet with us to review our remaining issues. The Association hopes that it would not be necessary to have this meeting.

The North Seattle Industrial Association would like to join the Port of Seattle is asking for a third draft to be released before DPD submits the SMP Update to the Mayor. There are still many places where the language needs further clarification. There are several issues that we have not had time to explore with you since we were focused on other issues. Height limitations for shipyards are an example of one such issue.

There are several major issues that our members feel that need to reexamine

- a. Ecological mitigation and measuring
- b. The required Restoration Plan, which has not been released
- c. Dredging Language
- d. Nonconforming uses and structures
- e. Lack of sufficient fish science to base decisions on
- f. Lack of acknowledgement of the positive nature of development on the environment.

You will be receiving many substantive comments from many of our members, the Port of Seattle and others in the maritime/industrial shoreline zones.

The North Seattle Industrial Association and its members are committed to working with the Department of Planning and Development and you on successfully completing the Shoreline Master Program Update.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eugene Wasserman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eugene Wasserman  
President