



July 17, 2024

BIG FOOT CABINS LLC  
4810 235TH ST E  
SPANAWAY, WA 98387

**RE: SHD24-0002 Shoreline Variance Request – Complete application letter**

Dear Mr. Welsh:

Thank you for submitting the JARPA application packet (SHD24-0001) on June 27, 2024 to request a variance to reduce the 150-foot shoreline buffer of Big Creek to construct a single-family residence with associated utilities and new gravel driveway. The variance request is to reduce the 150-foot shoreline buffer to 36 feet for the residence and 81 feet for the septic drainfield. I have reviewed the materials submitted and find, for the purpose of vesting, the shoreline application is complete as of July 17, 2024, and will be reviewed under the 2021 Shoreline Master Program that became effective on September 21, 2021.

The local review process will begin with the Notice of Application to be reviewed by other departments and agencies with jurisdiction for a 30-day comment period. Noticing will be processed in accordance with the SMP and Lewis County Code within 14 days. After the conclusion of the 30-day shoreline notice of application comment period, the shoreline hearing will be scheduled in a virtual only format through the Zoom meeting platform. The hearing schedule is also dependent on the applications ahead of this one, which are currently under review.

A notice of shoreline hearing will be published in the county newspaper of record. The property owners and/or their consultants will need to be prepared to attend the public hearing to provide evidence on how the project complies with the SMP and WAC 173-27. The Washington State Department of Ecology is the final issuing agency for Shoreline Variance Requests after the county issues a recommendation through the Hearing Examiner.

If you have any questions please email me at [preston.pinkston@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:preston.pinkston@lewiscountywa.gov).

Sincerely,

Preston Pinkston  
Planner