RESOLUTION NO. 38372

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A RESOLUTION relating to the update of the Shoreline Master Program; authorizing the adoption of the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report, in order to fulfill the requirements of Washington Administrative Code 173-26-201 by establishing the baseline ecological and land use conditions of the City's shoreline.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Growth Management Act, the Planning Commission ("Commission") has recommended changes to the Comprehensive

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Plan ("Plan") and the Land Use Regulatory Code ("Code") to complete the update of the Shoreline Master Program, and

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WHEREAS the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 ("SMA") requires local Shoreline Master Programs be updated to: (1) give priority to uses that require a shoreline location; (2) promote public access and enjoyment opportunities; and

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(3) protect the environmental resources of state shorelines, and

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WHEREAS the 2003 Department of Ecology ("DOE") guidelines, codified in Chapter 173-26 of the Washington Administrative Code, include substantive, procedural, and process requirements to be followed by local jurisdictions in their comprehensive update to a shoreline master program, and require the update to be based on scientific and technical information to assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions, and

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WHEREAS the SMA was amended to establish a timeline for local jurisdictions to adopt updated Shoreline Master Programs consistent with DOE guidelines, and the adoption deadline for the City is December 1, 2011, and

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WHEREAS the City's update includes the development of the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report, one of five supporting studies or

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implementation documents to be adopted under separate legislative actions of the

City Council, as required by DOE guidelines, as part of the adoption of the update

to the Shoreline Master Program as a whole, and

WHEREAS the Commission held a public hearing on June 1, 2011 on a

draft Shoreline Master Program and on associated draft supporting documents,

including a draft Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report, and

WHEREAS 41 citizens spoke at the public hearing and 52 written

comments were submitted by the close of the comment period on June 10,

2011, and after review of said testimony and comments, the Commission made

modifications to the draft Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report, and

WHEREAS the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report was

developed under the direction of the Commission, and, is based on, and

incorporates the most current, accurate, and complete scientific and technical

information available, documents existing levels of shoreline alteration, existing

shoreline functions and land use patterns, and shoreline restoration opportunities,

as required by Chapter 173-26 WAC, and, in association with the adoption of the

proposed Tacoma Shoreline Master Program ("TSMP"), observes the goals of the

SMA, and

WHEREAS the Commission has recommended changes to the Plan and

Code on August 17, 2011, and has conveyed the same to the City Council, in

the form of the proposed TSMP, which will rescind and replace in its entirety

the City's existing Master Program for Shoreline Development, and

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WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011, the City Council held a public hearing to receive public comments on the Commission's proposed TSMP; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to adopt, in association with the adoption of the Tacoma Shoreline Master Program, the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed supporting study on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to submit the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report to the State of Washington Department of Ecology by December 1, 2011.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney

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