Meeting Attendees

Task Force Members Present
Jim Aho; Bob Benze; Jessica Coyle; Susan Cruver; Michael Ellis; Dan Fallstrom; Michele Filley; Jennifer Forbes; Mike Ingham; Michael Maddox; Rebecca Mars; David Nelson; Tom Nevins; Carrilu Thompson; Sunny Wheeler

Kitsap County Department of Community Development Team (DCD)
Susan Donahue; Kathleen Barnhart; Joanna Meyers

Committee Staff
Margaret Norton-Arnold, Facilitator; Mary Morrissey, Administrative Support

Overview
The fourth meeting of the Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program Task Force was held Thursday June 17, from 6:30 to 8:50 p.m. at Island Lake County Park. The primary focus of the meeting was a review of the community visioning process, and a brainstorming session on Task Force goals for the SMP process.

Task Force Housekeeping
Margaret opened up the meeting with a welcome back. She asked members not to use “reply all” emails to communicate with each other in between meetings, since this constitutes a public meeting, and Kitsap County would then be required to post a meeting notice. Members should email Margaret with any comments or questions, and she will make sure the rest of the Task Force receives that information.

Throughout the course of the meeting, the group reiterated that members should not read long documents verbatim. If members do have long documents to share, they should email them in advance to Margaret, who will distribute them to the other members. Long written documents should then be paraphrased at the meetings. This will be added to the Task Force groundrules.

Margaret reminded attending members of the public that ten minutes is allowed for public comment during the meeting, but that comments cannot be shared outside of this ten minute timeframe. She suggested that public comments can be most useful to the Task Force if they are focused on the topic at hand at each meeting.
**Presentation on Community Visioning**

The Shoreline Management Act requires that jurisdictions engage in a public involvement process to discern citizen goals and preferences for the shoreline. Kitsap County implemented this public involvement requirement by conducting a community visioning process via survey; 1,387 surveys were collected and the results tabulated during the community visioning process.

Kitsap County team member Joanna Meyers presented the results of the community survey, which highlighted citizen values and goals. The surveys were completed through outreach sessions to organized groups, at the home and garden show, the farmers’ market, and through various websites. In addition, postcards were sent to all of the shoreline property owners in the County asking them to participate in the survey.

Joanna’s powerpoint presentation, as well as additional information about the community visioning effort, can be found at [www.kitsapshoreline.org](http://www.kitsapshoreline.org).

Task Force members wondered how the population for the survey was selected; Joanna responded that, in addition to the vehicles she had mentioned during her presentation, the survey was distributed at Community Advisory Council meetings and posters were displayed on the ferry to advertise the website and to invite participation in the survey process.

A member wondered if the survey results could be displayed in a way that indicated how shoreline property owners responded to the questions, vs. other members of the Kitsap County public. Joanna responded that it would be possible to pull out this information from the survey results.

There was a question about the relative level of statistical validity that could be claimed in relation to the survey methodology. This was doublechecked by Susan and her team, and an email regarding statistical validity was distributed to Task Force members on June 23 and was posted on the website.

**Brainstorming on Task Force Goals**

The Shoreline Management Act dictates a number of goals that must be met through the SMP process. Susan Donahue presented a checklist of all of these goals; this is the checklist that the SMP team will use to ensure that the document is meeting all Department of Ecology guidelines.

In addition, jurisdictions are encouraged to create a set of “local goals” that characterize the local preferences related to shoreline management. Task Force members engaged in a brainstorming session to share the goals they believe are most important for the Kitsap SMP process. Margaret summarized these ideas into a “first draft” goals statement that was distributed to Task Force members for their review and editing on June 23.

Task Force member Bob Benze submitted a written statement regarding possible goals for the Kitsap SMP; that statement is attached to this meeting report.
Questions/Comments on the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization

The *Shoreline Inventory and Characterization* is a compilation of scientific studies that have been completed on Kitsap County shorelines. This document is intended to serve as a baseline of information for the Shoreline Master Program, and was first shared with the Task Force at the June 3 meeting. Task Force members took a few minutes to share additional comments and questions about that document.

One member was highly complimentary of the *Inventory and Characterization*, and thanked the DCD SMP team for providing such comprehensive, high quality information. Another member had several edits and questions, and provided those comments to Susan. Task Force member Bob Benze submitted two written questions about the *Shoreline Inventory and Characterization*, and the DCD SMP team will answer those questions. The two questions which are attached to this meeting report and will also be on the website.

Public Comments

All of the public commenting at the meeting identified themselves as shoreline property owners. A summary of their comments includes:

- Property owners pay their fair share of property taxes, and should also be able to claim ownership over the beaches in front of their homes.
- Property rights are a serious issue, and property owners are fearful because of possible new regulations. They are concerned that these regulations will be financially devastating, especially in relation to nonconforming uses, setbacks, and critical areas.
- The cost of setbacks should be grandfathered in for current property owners. It is difficult, confusing and time consuming to work with all of the various County agencies (13 in this case) to get routine repair and maintenance completed. There needs to be an easier “how to” process and documentation for property owners.
- Where and how can we access expertise related to shoreline issues, for example, the softening of bulkheads? *Where are these businesses? Who is available to help with this?*
- The meeting facilitator was biased and unprofessional in her handling of the reading of a long document at the meeting.
- The erosion of beaches in the Kingston area is not caused by property owners and bulkheads, but by large commercial cargo vessels that cause wake action and sand erosion. A beach area where there used to be clams is now scoured to bedrock. The sand has been eroded away due to the speed at which these ships travel.

Preparation for July 1: Shoreline Jurisdictions

The July 1 meeting will be devoted to the subject of shoreline jurisdictions. Susan Donahue provided members with homework reading to get prepared for this discussion. The primary policy question for the Task Force will be whether or not the “optional areas” for the shoreline jurisdictions should be included and how to address the critical areas buffers in the Shoreline Master Program. This discussion will commence on July 1.