Kitsap County Planning Commission – September 6, 2011

**SMP Update**

Currently in Phase 3: Shoreline Use and Modifications Policies, Regulations and Standards. Standards must address many topics: Aquaculture > Critical Saltwater and Freshwater Habitats > Dredging > Mooring Facilities > Residential Development > ...

Recent SMP Task Force Work Group Meetings

- **August 2:** Shoreline Stabilization (Bulkheads)
  - WAC standards clearly limit new bulkheads to special circumstances (protect existing structures)

- **August 16:** Mooring Structures (Piers, Docks, Floats)
  - Recognize Critical Saltwater Habitats
  - Emphasize alternatives (marinas, mooring buoys)
  - Recommend against “one size fits all” maximum dock length - site-specific habitat, navigational issues
  - Consider shore-to-shore distance when looking at cumulative dock impacts

- **August 23:** Shoreline Buffers and Setbacks
  - Draft approach: flexible buffers, based on demonstration of “no net loss of shoreline ecological functions”
Science review: utilize most “current, accurate and complete information”

- Each shoreline environment designation could have a maximum buffer and minimum buffer
- Reduction below minimum buffer would require site-specific analysis (utilize Inventory and Characterization for existing conditions/opportunities)
- Buffers standards do not apply retroactively to existing yards - new or expanded development only

Existing Structures and Uses

- Currently crafting language recognizing lawfully constructed single-family homes and legally established uses
- Proposing measures to allow expansion of existing structures - offset impacts through a variety of options tailored to the site

Next Step: finish drafting SMP, reconvene larger Task Force to review