RESOLUTION NO. 093-2011

APPROVAL OF THE SHORELINE INVENTORY AND CHARACTERIZATION IN SUPPORT OF THE KITSAP COUNTY SHORELINE MANAGEMENT MASTER PROGRAM (SMP) UPDATE

WHEREAS, Kitsap County is updating and amending Kitsap County Code Title 22, The Shoreline Management Master Program (SMP), as required by state law (RCW 90.58). The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) requires that a shoreline inventory and characterization be prepared as part of the comprehensive update process;

WHEREAS, a draft Shoreline Inventory and Characterization was prepared from existing documents and studies on shoreline land use, environments and other information and was issued for review and comment by the public and discussed by the Board appointed SMP Task Force between April and October, 2010.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Kitsap Planning Commission on December 7, 2010 which, after deliberations, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Final Inventory and Characterization report; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KITSAP BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization is hereby approved for use in the SMP update and ultimate submittal to the Washington State Department of Ecology in accordance with Chapter 173-26 WAC.

Adopted this 13 day of June 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON

CHARLOTTE CARRIDO, Chair

ROBERT GELDER, Commissioner

JOSH BROWN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Dana Daniels, Clerk of the Board
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE KITSAP COUNTY SHORELINE INVENTORY AND CHARACTERIZATION REPORT

The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. Kitsap County is updating and amending Kitsap County Code Title 22, The Shoreline Management Master Program (SMP), as required by state law (RCW 90.53). The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) requires that a shoreline inventory and characterization be prepared as part of the comprehensive update process [WAC 173-26-201(3)(c) and (d)].

2. The Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report is a compilation of information from existing documents and studies on shoreline land use, environments and other information, as defined in RCW 90.58.030.

3. The Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report will be used to prepare master program policies and regulations designed to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions and to plan for the restoration of the ecosystem-wide processes and individual ecological functions on a comprehensive basis over time [WAC 173-26-201(d)(i)(E)].

4. A draft report of the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization was issued for public, tribe and agency review and comment between April 30 and October 15, 2010. Approximately 50 public comments, and six resource agency and tribal comments were received.

5. The draft report was reviewed and discussed by the SMP Task Force. The SMP Task Force was established by the Board of County Commissioners to advise Kitsap County during the comprehensive SMP update process.

6. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is the final approving authority for local master program updates. Ecology reviewed the draft report and found the document acceptable as to content in a letter dated September 8, 2010. Ecology recommended format changes and other minor revisions and these were incorporated into the final document.

7. On November 16, 2010, a work-study was held by the Kitsap County Planning Commission on the Final Inventory and Characterization.
8. On December 7, 2010, following proper and timely public notice, a public hearing was held by the Kitsap Planning Commission on the adoption of the Kitsap Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report. Following public testimony, the Planning Commission kept a public comment period open through January 4, 2011. Ten comment letters were received by the close of comment period, including written summaries of testimony from the public hearing.

9. On January 18, 2011, after deliberations, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Final Inventory and Characterization report by a vote of 6-1, with two conditions: 1) The addition of the words “Possible Recommendations” into the tables currently labeled “Prioritization and Recommendations”, and 2) The addition of an introductory paragraph statement indicating how the document may be updated as new information becomes available in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommends to the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization as proposed by staff with the following revisions: 1) add the words “Possible Recommendations” to the title of the (Chapter 3) tables currently labeled “Prioritization Recommendations”, and 2) add-an introductory paragraph statement indicating how the document may be updated as new information becomes available in the future.

Approved by the Planning Commission of Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 2nd day of February 2011.

By Linda Paralez, Chair

Linda Paralez, Chair
Kitsap County's Shoreline Master Program
Inventory and Characterization
Fact Sheet

The Inventory
- Provides compilation of existing data in the shoreline jurisdiction
- Provides information and descriptions of watershed and shoreline attributes in the shoreline jurisdiction

The Characterization
- Describes ecosystem wide and shoreline processes and functions
- Identifies opportunities for restoration, public access and shoreline uses
- Identifies the current shoreline conditions

Overall Objective
This inventory and characterizations accomplishes the following:
- Provides supporting information for environmental designations
- Establishes the baseline for "no net loss" of ecological conditions and informs the policies, regulations, and mitigation standards
- Identifies development impacts for required Cumulative Impacts Analysis
- Identifies degraded areas and opportunities for restoration to be incorporated into the Restoration Plan

Schedule
- April through October 2010
  Public comment period; community outreach and coordination
- November 2010 through February 2011
  Planning Commission holds public hearing on adoption. Planning Commission recommends approval and suggest minor revisions.
- May 23, 2011
  Board of County Commissioners schedules public hearing to consider adoption of final document.

To view the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization:

www.kitsapshoreline.org

Department of Community Development May 2011