Kitsap County
Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update,
Planning Commission Work Study
November 16, 2010
What is the Shoreline Master Program?

Plan + use regulations + restoration framework = PROGRAM

Kitsap County Shoreline

186 miles of saltwater shoreline
Lake shoreline = 33.75 miles; stream miles = 9.48 miles

Kitsap County SMP
First adopted 38 years ago; last update over 10 years ago
Applies to ‘shorelines of the state’ and ‘shorelines of statewide significance’

WAC 173-26 requires a substantial update effort
To include demonstration of no net loss
To include cumulative impact assessment
To include restoration plan
**Why** are we doing this....

- Want local citizens to be part of SMP update
- Mandated by RCW 90.58;
- Funded by State legislature through Ecology grant
- Department of Ecology rules must be met or State will write local plan
- Want local citizens to implement state program

**Who** is involved....

- Public and citizens of County (shoreline users and residents)
- SMP Update Task Force
  - Broad interest and community represented
- Resource agencies and Tribes
- Department of Ecology – Approving Authority
What are the steps?

Phase 1: Preliminary Shoreline Jurisdiction and Public Participation Plan

Phase 2: Shoreline Inventory and Characterization

Phase 3: Shoreline Environmental Designation, Policy and Regulation Development, Cumulative Impact Analysis

Phase 4: Restoration Plan

Phase 5: Local Approval

Phase 6: State Approval and Local Adoption (Kitsap County Code Title 22 Updated)
What are some SMP basics?

- Protect shoreline environments
- Promote public access
- Accommodate shoreline uses
- Balance public and private interests

Uses the most current, accurate and complete information to help create new Shoreline Environment Designations, each with specific policies and use regulations.
Draft Kitsap Shoreline Inventory and Characterization

PURPOSE

• Provides supporting information for environmental designations

• Establishes the baseline for “no net loss” of ecological conditions

• Informs policies and regulations

• Identifies degraded areas and opportunities for protection or restoration.

Task 2.3 Prepare shoreline inventory and characterization report

“..The report will present findings and recommendations in a way that is useful for making SMP planning decisions. This report will provide a foundation for establishing environment designations, policies, implementing regulations, and restoration goals.....
Inventory and Characterization Report Contents

• Introduction

• **Background** (general summaries of the physical, biological, population and land use attributes)

• **Characterization Areas** (majority of this report - uses existing information to identify and describe current shoreline conditions, access and opportunities for restoration)
  - ✔ Drift Cell (marine shoreline) Summary Tables
  - ✔ Fresh Water Summary Tables

• **Recommendations** (from existing documents)

• **Use Analysis** (compares existing uses and ecosystem functions)

• **Data Gaps**

• **Appendices** (including 37 maps)
The County was divided into 6 Characterization Areas for ease of description. MAP C.1

- North, Central, South Puget Sound and North, Central, South Hood Canal
Marine Drift Cell Tables

- Marine shoreline described by drift cell in tables, and further subdivided by Nearshore Assessment Unit (site scale)
Physical, Biological and Land Use attributes are identified in table format.

Nearshore assessment standard methodology used in several other Puget Sound jurisdictions.
Freshwater Tables
Physical, Biological, Land Use and Existing Recommendations

Freshwater shoreline areas:

- **Streams**: 9 with portions over 20 cfs mean annual flow
- **Lakes**: 27 over 20 acres
- **Associated floodplains and wetlands**
Shoreline Use Analysis

- Compares existing land use and ecosystem functions to address potential future SMP revisions

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Data Gaps

• Identifies what additional information “may” be necessary “for more effective shoreline management” (WAC 173-26-201(3)(c)(viii))

• When existing information is not available, regulations to be based on the “precautionary principle” (WAC 173-26-201 (3)(g))
Appendices

A: List of references and data sources
B: Ports and Parks Plans Summary Matrices
C: Maps that inform the Inventory and Characterization
D: Parcel Population Capacity Methods
Review
Draft Kitsap Shoreline Inventory and Characterization

REVIEW & COMMENT PROCESS

• Public Comment requested and received via website, mail, email, community outreach April 30 to Oct. 15
  – About 50 public comments received
    • Public access, local conditions and knowledge
  – 6 Resource Agency and Tribe comments
    • Validate resource data
    • Ensure guidelines met
  – Department of Ecology (approving authority)
    • Acceptable as to content; recommend format improvements
Changes Made to Initial Draft
Based on comments by state agencies, tribes and the public

- REORGANIZATION
- CLARIFICATION
- REMOVAL
- ADDITIONS
SMP Update Task Force and the Inventory and Characterization

DCD provided the SMP taskforce with:

• A detailed overview of the Inventory and Characterization
• A draft for their use and detailed review for their familiarity with the content
• Information on Ecology’s comments and needed changes.
SMP Update Task Force and DCD Recommendations on the Inventory and Characterization

- Recommend moving forward with the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing on adoption
  - December 7 notice

- Recommend adoption by the Board of County Commissioners
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