### Proposed – WAC Recommended [WAC 173-26-211(5)(a)]

#### Purpose.
To protect those shoreline areas that are relatively free of human influence or that include intact or minimally degraded shoreline functions intolerant of human use. These systems require that only very low intensity uses be allowed in order to maintain the ecological functions and ecosystem-wide processes. Restoration of degraded shorelines should be planned within this environment.

#### Criteria.
Largely undisturbed portions of shoreline areas such as wetlands, estuaries, unstable bluffs, coastal dunes, spits, and ecologically intact shoreline habitats both in and out of the UGA or LAMIRD. Assign if any of the following characteristics apply:

1) The shoreline is ecologically intact and therefore currently performing an important, irreplaceable function or ecosystem-wide process that would be damaged by human activity.

2) The shoreline is considered to represent ecosystems and geologic types that are of particular scientific and educational interest.

3) The shoreline is unable to support new development or uses without significant adverse impacts to ecological functions or risk to human safety.

#### Management Policies.
Apply to any permissible uses occurring in the natural environment:

1) Any use that would substantially degrade the ecological functions or natural character of the shoreline area should not be allowed.

2) The following new uses should not be allowed in the “natural” environment: Commercial, Industrial, Non-water-oriented recreation, roads, utility corridors, and parking areas that can be located outside of “natural”-designated shorelines.

3) Single family residential development may be allowed as a conditional use if the density and intensity of such use is limited as necessary to protect ecological functions and is consistent with the purpose of the environment.

4) Commercial forestry may be allowed as a conditional use, provided it meets the conditions of the State Forest Practices Act and its implementing rules and is conducted in a manner consistent with the purpose of this environment designation.

5) Agricultural uses of a very low intensity nature may be consistent with the “natural” environment when such use is subject to appropriate limitations or conditions to assure that the use does not expand or alter practices in a manner inconsistent with the purpose of the designation.

6) Scientific, historical, cultural, educational research uses, and low-intensity water-oriented recreational access uses may be allowed provided that no significant ecological impact on the area will result.

7) New development or significant vegetation removal that would reduce the capability of vegetation to perform normal ecological functions should not be allowed. Do not allow the subdivision of property in a configuration that, to achieve its intended purpose, will require significant vegetation removal or shoreline modification that adversely impacts ecological functions. [...]
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<td><strong>SHORELINE PERMIT REQUIRED</strong></td>
<td>- Passive recreation and education facilities, with SDP</td>
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<td><strong>PROHIBITED</strong></td>
<td>- Agricultural Practices - Aquaculture Practices - Anchorage of large vessels - Boat launches and marine railways - Breakwaters - Commercial development - Dredging - Forest Practices - Jetties and Groins - Landfill - Marinas - Mining - Mooring buoys/anchors - Piers and floating docks - Industrial Development - Recreational floats - Recreation facilities (active) - Residential development - Road, railway and bridge construction - Shore Protection and bluff stabilization - Stream modification - Solid waste disposal - In-stream structures</td>
<td>- Boating facilities (marinas, docks serving over four SFRs) - Commercial use - Dredging* - Filling and excavation* - Industrial and Port dev. - In-stream structures and modification (breakwaters, jetties, groins and weirs)* - Mining - Mooring facilities (docks, piers, buoys) - Recreational facilities (active) - Shoreline stabilization* - Transportation and Utilities * Except for the purposes of ecosystem restoration, and then requires a Conditional Use Permit. Not from WAC.</td>
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