

Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program Task Force Meeting Report July 1, 2010



Meeting Attendees

Task Force Members Present

Jim Aho; Bob Benze; Jessica Coyle; Susan Cruver; Michael Ellis; Dan Fallstrom; Michele Filley; Jennifer Forbes; Michael Maddox; Rebecca Mars; David Nelson; Teresa Osinski; Ken Parker; Carrilu Thompson; Sunny Wheeler

Kitsap County Department of Community Development Team (DCD)

Patty Charnas; Susan Donahue; David Greetham; Larry Keeton

Department of Ecology

Joe Burcar

Committee Staff

Margaret Norton-Arnold, Facilitator; Shanon Kearney, Administrative Support

Overview

The fifth meeting of the Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program Task Force was held Thursday July 1, from 6:30 to 8:50 p.m. at Island Lake County Park. The primary focus of the meeting was a review of the Task Force goals for the SMP process, as well as a presentation about shoreline jurisdictions.

Task Force Housekeeping

Larry Keeton, Director of Kitsap County's Department of Community Development, opened the meeting by reviewing the vision that had been established earlier in the year by the Task Force. He also reminded the general public in attendance that ten minutes is allowed for public comment time, but that those commenting must be respectful in their comments and must abide by the commenting rules. Otherwise, the public comment period will be deleted from the meetings.

The Task Force decided to add the following rules to the public comment period:

- 1) Those wishing to speak will be asked to sign up in advance.
- 2) If there are a number of speakers, a time limit may be imposed to allow as many people as possible to comment.
- 3) The Task Force urges those with longer comments to submit them in writing.

Public comments made at the Task Force meetings are summarized in the meeting report. The meeting report is posted on the www.kitsapshoreline.org website.

The Task Force turned its attention to its own groundrules, which had been modified somewhat since the June 17 meeting. A question was raised about the groundrule that requires interaction with the media. While anyone is free to talk to any members of the media at any time, when a specific recommendation or action of the Task Force is being described to the media, then the Task Force must determine who will interact with the media representative and what will be said.

After this brief discussion the Task Force unanimously voted to approve their groundrules. These groundrules can be found in the Task Force section of the www.kitsapshoreline.org website.

Discussion of SMP Goals

The Task Force discussed the second draft of their goal statement. The goals were further revised based on this discussion, and a third draft of the goal statement was emailed to members on July 12. Margaret asked that members review the third draft and get back to her with any additional comments by July 23.

Presentation of Shoreline Jurisdictions

Susan Donahoe and Joe Burcar presented information about Shoreline Jurisdictions, including a definition of them, “optional areas” and related details. A copy of their Powerpoint presentation was provided to all Task Force members and can also be found at www.kitsapshoreline.org.

In response to questions, Joe pointed out specific shoreline areas that are, or could be, subject to governance under both the Critical Areas Ordinance and the Shoreline Management Act. By including these optional areas into the SMP, they would only be governed under the Shoreline Management Act.

Optional areas fall into five different categories: 1) wetlands; 2) aquifer recharge areas; 3) fish and wildlife habitat areas (i.e. streams and lakes); 4) floodplains; and 5) geologic hazard areas (steep slopes).

The Task Force will eventually make a recommendation on whether or not optional areas should be included in the shoreline jurisdictions. Members ended the meeting with the following comments and questions, which will be taken up again on August 5:

- What are the distinctions between shoreline jurisdictional features; what is covered under the CAO, and what isn't covered?
- How do the regulations change for critical areas that are pulled into the Shoreline Master Program?
- What are performance standards for buffers?
- It would be helpful to have a side-by-side comparison of each of the regulatory frameworks, what they are intended to do, and the areas they are intended to protect.
- It would be helpful to have a list/comparison of the types of optional areas. It is probably the case that not all “optional area types” would necessarily be included in the

SMP. What makes the most sense for Kitsap County? What are the optional areas we should be most concerned about?

Public Comments

Below is a summary of public comments received at conclusion of the meeting:

- The Task Force needs to hear from the public more. Please give us more time to speak at the meetings. Like you, we can “think out of the box,” and want to share our ideas.
- It’s good to hear that there might be some flexibility in terms of the “carrot” approach; I was happy to hear Patty (Charnas) talk about that. The Critical Areas Ordinance did not have any flexibility built into the discussions/approach, and that’s why it ran into so much trouble.
- Buffers under the SMP will not be under the CAO. Don’t accept anything without peer review science. Buffers are driven by wildlife corridors – what was set by the GMA years ago was not checked by peer reviewed science.
- Your “goals” may be guiding principles but they are not goal statements. Also, the vision established for the Task Force and SMP by the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners is misguided. It does not meet the requirements of either our state or national constitution.

Preparation for August 5

The August 5 meeting will be devoted to the ongoing discussion of shoreline jurisdictions.