1999 SMP Public Access Goal:

Safe, convenient, and diversified public access to public shorelines will ensure maximum use and enjoyment by the public. However, such access should not be allowed to affect fragile or otherwise sensitive shoreline areas adversely. Private property rights should be respected.

Requirements
WAC 173-26-221 (4)
WAC 173-26-201(3)(C)(vi)

Plans To Incorporate
Washington State Parks Management Plan
Kitsap County Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan
Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan
Port District Plans

Right-of-Way Access
Right-of-Way Ordinance # 322-2004
Potential Public Access Identification Project
Parks are an enigma:
NPS – conserve, enjoy, leave unimpaired
State Parks – operate and protect for outdoor recreation, education, with legacy for future

Washington SMA shares the problem:
Conserve, provide access, “no net loss”

State Parks uses CAMP
Classification and Management Planning
Detailed, site specific, public process
State Park plans strike that balance that provides public access in a sustainable environment. Review of (any public land management agency’s) plans is essential to efficient shoreline regulation. Recognizing and providing for plan development, operation, and maintenance is the best use of scarce public resources.

Appropriate public access design is, in fact, mitigation for allowing humans onto the site. Rather than penalizing a public agency for using some of the shoreline land for development, give credit for containing inevitable impacts. Consider the following example from a different kind of environment, in a site well known to many in Washington.
Add public trails . . .
Asphalt paved . . .
Wide enough to drive on
Meadow damage caused by short-cutting and off-trail hiking
Kitsap County Parks

Fast Facts:

81  Parks/ acres are within the County Park inventory (6,119 acres)

29  # of fresh / saltwater shoreline parks

12  Parks Maintenance Staff

26  # of Stewardship Groups - Thank you!

$1.09M  2010 Budget (not incl. Fairgrounds)
Kitsap County Shoreline Parks

1,173 Acres of park land
6 # of fresh water shoreline parks
23 # of saltwater shoreline parks
**PROS Plan**

- Acquire and develop waterfront parks, including freshwater lakes and access to the saltwater shoreline, park sites, access to public tidelands and underwater parks.

- Access to the saltwater shoreline was in high demand in some parts of the County according to a survey done during the PROS planning process (see Appendix B).

- Goal: 10% of saltwater shoreline available to the general public
  - 18.3 miles of shoreline available in 2000 (8%)
  - A 4.6 mile deficit was still noted in 2006
  - 0.25 mile (approx.) of shoreline acquired since 2006

- Where feasible, provide access to the shoreline at existing undeveloped public ROW (road right-of-ways) leading to the water. Certain amenities needed before ROWs can be developed into access.

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**Level of Service (LOS)**

miles of shoreline per 1,000 pop.

- LOS standard (Alt.2) 106'/1,000
- 2005 LOS 119'/1000
- 2025 projected LOS 89'/1,000

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September 2, 2010
Right of Ways

Right of Way Ordinance #322-2004

Category 5 Right of Way Use Permit

- Allows the use and development of unopened ROWs for soft-surface trail access by organized, non-profit, community groups

- ROW fees waived by county

- Kitsap County will provide surveyed center lines; trails must be to one side of the ROW; trails NOT maintained by county.

- Applicant must notify and resolve any issues with adjacent property owners before approval

Same Process could be used for

shoreline road ends to public tidelands or views
Right of Ways

Public Access Project, DCD and WSU Beach Watchers

Inventory
- Minimum requirement to inventory “existing and potential shoreline public access sites, including public rights-of-way and utility corridors” (WAC 173-26-201(3)(C)(vi))
- DCD has identified these ROWs in the Draft I&C Report
- Beach Watchers will be visiting them (Sept.-Oct.) to photograph and fill out a brief description form about the realistic potential of the site as future public access

How The Information Will Be Used
- For the SMP, this information will allow staff to make a realistic assessment of the amount of existing and potential public access available along Kitsap County shorelines
- In the future, the data collected may be added to an interactive public map tool for public access
Documents Online

Kitsap County Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan

Washington State Parks- Central Kitsap Area State Parks Management Plan
www.parks.wa.gov
Select “Planning and New Development”, then Central Kitsap area parks

Right of Way Ordinance #322-2004
http://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/row5.htm