Rural Conservancy
SHORELINE ENVIRONMENT DESIGNATION

Definition and Mapping Criteria
Shorelines are mapped with a Rural Conservancy designation if:
- They are outside of the Urban Growth Area (UGA) or Limited Area of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRD), and
- They are currently supporting low-intensity, resource-based uses or water-dependent uses, or
- They are currently supporting residential or other human uses, but are subject to environmental limitations, or
- They are of high recreational value or unique historic or known cultural resources

Buffers and Setback
Standard Buffer (starting): 130’
Reduced Standard Buffer: 100’
Building Setback: 15’

% Land Area Drafted Rural Conservancy: 51.1%
% of Parcels Drafted Rural Conservancy: 38.4%

Development Activities
The following is a summary of the type of development activities permitted in the Rural Conservancy designation. Site specific information may require a different permit type or conditions. Please review the applicable section of the draft SMP for details.

Shoreline Substantial Development Permit:
- Agriculture
- Aquaculture: low impact (CUP for new geoduck aquaculture)
- Boating Facilities: (CUP for new marinas)
- Commercial Development: (water-oriented uses only, except in limited cases)
• Forest Practices
• Mooring Structures (piers and docks)
• Recreational Development
• Residential Development: (primary, single family residence exempt from SDP)
• Shoreline Stabilization (Armoring): “soft” shoreline stabilization measures when criteria are met

Shoreline Conditional Use Permit:
• Aquaculture: commercial geoduck
• Commercial Development: non-water-oriented uses, when allowed
• Residential Development: multi-family, subdivisions, and accessory dwelling units
• Shoreline Stabilization (Armoring): administrative CUP for “hard” shoreline stabilization measures, when demonstrated necessary

Prohibited:
• Industrial

More Information:
All Draft SMP materials may be found at www.kitsapshoreline.org
• For more information on the Rural Conservancy designation, please see Draft SMP Chapter 3.
• For more information on a specific development activity listed above, please see the applicable section from Draft SMP Chapter 7.