



**Kitsap County SMP Update  
Community Survey Results- Responses to option "Other"  
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\*Numbers in front of response indicate the frequency of exact phrase

**Question 1- How do you use the shorelines, lakes, and streams in Kitsap County? Please check all that apply** (68 total responses).

**Birds and Wildlife**

- Enjoy seeing wildlife which lives by and on the shoreline and near shoreline such as otters and birds such as ospreys and eagles which frequent the shoreline.
- Watch fish, wildlife and shorebirds.
- 2 Bird watching
- Bird-watch and enjoy local protected habitat,
- Enjoy watching eagles and osprey in natural habitat,
- 3 Bird watching & wildlife

**Shoreline Property**

- Waterfront/tideland owner.
- Seasonal home on the waterfront.
- In this case an extended-family-owned residence.
- Own property, but do not live there.
- We have a cabin on a private lake.
- Reside on creek.
- We have a vacation cabin on the shoreline.
- Live.
- We reside just above maybe 500 ft.
- Own lakeside undeveloped property.
- VACATION HOME ON WATERFRONT.
- Front on Clear Creek.
- Own waterfront but do not reside there.
- Own waterfront property.
- Property owner + spouse.
- Own waterfront property.
- Reside within 500' of shore bank.
- Have weekend home in Seabeck on waterfront.
- Summer cabin on shoreline, not my permanent residence.
- Have a rental on property.
- Live with view of water and waterfront.
- Own raw land w/ shoreline

**Beach Cleanup**

- Clean up.
- Pick litter up off the beach.
- Volunteer for trail clean-up and maintenance.

**Property Issues**

- Shorelines are private property subject to trespass.
- Don't take our private land you commies.
- I like my right to privacy!
- Share property with public.
- Enjoy peacefulness and privacy of our beach.

**Other**

- WOULD'N'T IT BE NICE IF YOU COULD WALK OR BIKE SAFELY ALONG ALL or MOST OF KITSAP COUNTY'S COASTLINE VIA INTERCONNECTED BIKE/FOOT PATHS?
- Enjoy all of that which is the beauty of Puget Sound, Scuba Dive,
- 2 - skim board
- 2 - beach comb
- school/research
- scenic photography
- Spiritual recharge
- NATWE Canoes/Events
- environmentally friendly
- Grow shellfish on my property
- Need a marina at Seabeck and more public access to the Hood Canal!
- mostly walking the dog, daily walks-low tide exploration
- beach walks
- Due to health need fresh air off/over water
- Consider and participate in habitat restoration
- 2- walk dog
- only on ferry
- 5 - Ride horses on beach
- Port
- Port Commissioner

**Question 3- How do you value each of the following? Please check the box that best represents your answer** (65 total responses).

**Wildlife/Habitat Protection**

- Programs for fish and marine-life enhancement
- Wildlife habitat
- preserve healthy beach & water for future
- 4-highly value wildlife and habitat protection
- I am for responsible stewardship of shoreline habitat - not irresponsible legislation
- I highly value the quality of the water in my in-let (Oyster Bay)
- keeping the shoreline the balance of ambiance and shoreline property owners privacy
- I value shoreline and estuaries as obvious focal points for stewardship education and awareness.

**Public Access**

- Kitsap County, despite 250 miles of shoreline, has abysmal public water access sites
- Boat ramps should be located in a commercial site not in a residential area
- We need more public area to walk dogs
- I favor sacrificing some shoreline habitat to support public access, such as public beaches, wharfs, marinas, and waterfront trails or board walks.
- highly value public access
- waterfront trails/promenades

**Private Property**

- freedom to use my property and tidelands we own
- Part of personal property value-view and private beach
- Sensible, flexible regulations for shoreline homeowners
- Freedom to do within reason what I want to with my property
- Ability to use and care for our own property without interference. Those who own shoreline residential property care deeply about it and are the best stewards of it. They need more freedom to use their property as they see fit without having to comply with many rules and permits that often don't make any

sense. What I value most is freedom to use my property. Protection of shoreline habitat and visual ambiance should be up to individual residential owners. We value and protect it and pay for it in high taxes and responsibility.

- It should not be an excuse to steal property through zoning and ordinances.
- Property rights under the U.S. and State Constitutions. High!
- Privacy of beachfront property
- Home/property owner pay a lot of property taxes and they shouldn't be driven out of their homes by over taxing or opening up the land they pay taxes on to the public.
- Those of us who pay the high taxes should have opportunities /not everyone
- We have owned and helped maintain the private lake for over 40 years
- Go after the dams, tribal fisheries, run-off from urban growth areas and more. Waterfront land owners have almost no impact on salmon and natural habitat
- I own the waterfront NOT Kitsap county or career politicians or county officials.
- Private waterfront owners should not restrict others from walking on their beach
- Private property rights should be respected.
- Those of us lucky enough to live on the water should be willing to abide by more restrictive practices to protect this community asset.
- the public should respect private property

#### **Ports/Ferries/Boats**

- Ferry System = highly value
- No gravel barges!
- Dislike factory boats that harvest sea cucumbers- channel between Dyes and Oyster Bay
- Highly value the ports
- I don't value loud boats. Shoreline Protection should not be a cottage industry for people who get paid to say "there is a problem but I need to do more research"..
- Being able to hear the waves and, on low tides, the sounds the clams and crabs make. I do NOT value the noisy PWC & that stupid power boat that is launched out of Manchester--SOOO loud.
- Ferries cross Sound
- Need a marina at Seabeck and more public access to the Hood Canal!
- I use the ferry system to get to the Kitsap peninsula.
- commercial dock and marina
- Foot Ferries
- walk on ferries should be used more

#### **Fishing/Shellfish Harvesting**

- Illegal shellfish harvesting is occurring on my shoreline ALL the time
- highly value tribal fishing and shellfish
- it is past time to stop commercial fishing of Puget Sound
- more control over tribal and commercial harvesting

#### **Growth/Development**

- I'D LIKE TO SEE ANY GROWTH IN WATERFRONT INDUSTRY IN AREAS WHERE HIGH DENSITY GROWTH ALREADY EXISTS, WHILE SAVING AREAS OF HOOD CANAL THAT ARE NOT ALREADY DEVELOPED.
- Preventing stormwater runoff from over development
- Different Value in different locations: city vs rural....

#### **Other**

- Ride horses on the beach!
- highly value horseback riding
- 2 Free the beaches!
- Citing those who contribute to pollution of wtrfrt.
- Monitor vehicle speed on local roads

- Where there is no parking. The fumes and noise from boats are affecting the health of people living next to a neighborhood boat launch and also the noise pollution is overwhelming.
- By "Industry" I mean retail, not manufacturing
- Freedom from county interference
- I have an emotional attachment to Puget Sound, having grown up in a boating family in Calif. Water, in the forms of fresh and salt water, feeds my soul and is very important to me. I do not have the same attachment to snow as that is a very different entity for me.
- highly value "sustainability and cleanliness"
- Pollution free environment --Highly value also: non-motor boating is most important
- Need a Bridge
- Shutting up Bainbridge: Highly Value

**Question 4- Do you think Kitsap County should have less or more of the following? Please place an X in the box that best represents your answer** (100 total responses).

**Private Property-**

- Places and activities that take the pressure of public uses off of private property --more
- Keep your hands off my shoreline!
- KC and DOE should NOT invade private property rights
- More respect for shoreline property owners. Less reliance on junk science to regulate land use.
- I have strong feelings on the rights of owners of private property use of private property--shoreline or not!  
If additional public access to shorelines is needed, then this access should be purchased--NOT TAKEN FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.
- I know: NIMBY. My excuse is: I inherited the house. I do wish Kitsap would do something about the very noisy crafts that use the water. They're few but SO audibly invasive.
- Less restrictions on private property
- Waterfront owners should be able to economically protect their property from erosion, high tides and unusual natural weather disturbances.
- Note: think illegal fence place at head of Phinney Bay without ownership of Wtrfrt. or permit???
- More: ways to keep public off private beach/property especially along Beach Dr.
- Shorelines are privately owned
- The county has taken too much property off the tax rolls and made parks. There is ample opportunity for public access without taking away what I have worked to purchase.
- I dislike regulatory theft. You call it what you want, but theft is still theft. the US Supreme Court has ruled in the early 90's if private property is regulated to the point where the property owner cannot use it IT CONSTITUTES A TAKING and per the 5th Amendment to the US Constitution the property owner is to be compensated and not at some lame price determined by county judges or officials.
- No Setbacks!!! hands off our land!!!!
- More opportunity for existing residential property owners to protect their homes and land from ongoing beach erosion.
- The shoreline should be for EVERYONE to enjoy.
- Freedom from county interference
- Private property rights should be respected
- The county is responsible for the negative impact in Seabeck Bay. The clear cutting and development in the uplands has created a massive flow of debris and silt that has dramatically changed the Seabeck Creek water flow and has caused terrible erosion for property owners. Since the county is allowing this I believe that the county should also allow the shoreline residents to protect their property with concrete sea walls. The soft walls do not work in Seabeck bay due to the massive amounts of dirt sand etc. from the uplands runoff. My neighbors are losing their land into the creek and bay because of this problem. Also, my property is at risk because the huge sandbar created by the run off has changed the direction of the creek and is eroding my neighbors shoreline and flooding my yard. These problems could be eliminated with the county allowing the shoreline property owners to protect their land from erosion.
- Private waterfront owners should not restrict others from walking on their beach
- take no more property rights & no more money

- parks and marinas are great but the adjacent land owners should have their property from the meander line up honored.
- Waterfront property owners should be able maintain their property and keep it in a usable state because not all shorelines are spawning areas for salmon, but do be watchful of those areas that really need it.
- Public should not infringe on private tidelands.
- Ownership of frontage: none!
- property owners should be allowed to build bulkheads to protect shoreline erosion
- less red tape for waterfront owners to upgrade breakwater and/or bulkhead

#### **Public Access-**

- More public waterfront access!
- By developing areas for recreation you increase concentrated use, negative impacts and vandalism.
- increasing public access and upgrading current facilities
- Get State owned land (DNR) to open access to public
- more access to tidelands

#### **Ports/Ferries/Boats-**

- marine transportation-ferries- more
- Slow the speed of marine traffic. Puget Sound should be a no wake zone!
- Complaint line for overly loud boats, and a way to ticket and fine the boats owner who do not comply.  
Living on the beach is a privilege and should not be disrupted by the noise of loud boats. The cost of waterfront property ownership is too high for there to be no regulations on this matter.
- more slips in Kingston marina
- more boat ramps
- need marina at Seabeck
- foot ferry to Seattle
- Need ferry direct to downtown Seattle
- Need a marina at Seabeck and more public access to the Hood Canal!
- 2 more facilities for non motorized recreation
- Privatization of transportation (Bridge investment)
- boats with less wakes

#### **Environment/Wildlife-**

- more wildlife protection i.e. trees left for eaglets to fish/hunt from
- more "birding and wildlife habitat protection
- Dyes inlet needs cleaning up
- More protection for fishing and habitat from seal and sea lions. Colvos rocks used to be a beautiful viewing area for marine habitat, but now are a mess of seals, seal dung, and flies. Fish used to be abundant. Marine mammal protection act brought about destruction of habitat and fishing. During fishing season Hood Canal was filled with pretty little commercial fishing boats but they vanished along with the salmon because of marine mammal protection act. Fecal waste from these mammals is biggest cause of E-coli and other organic pollution. In the 50's Hansville had four active fishing resorts and now has none. I've been here since 1957 and witnessed this habitat degradation. We never saw a seal until the Marine Mammal Act. These animals must be controlled no matter how many of them must be destroyed; they'd make good dog food and fertilizer and we wouldn't have to spend millions raising salmon to feed them. Sorry, but this destruction and degradation is what I've seen and it sickens m[e]
- I just want to watch the wildlife, not catch it.
- Opportunities for public to participate in habitat protection
- stop dumping chemicals in the water--dish and laundry soap--no sewage overflow in Dyes Inlet
- More protection of streams flowing into the marine environment
- highly support restoration to sensitive areas/streams, wood lands, beaches
- Higher protection for the quality of water in the Oyster Bay inlet.

- As a waterfront owner who lives in close proximity to two salmon streams, I am concerned about the lack of education provided to waterfront owners regarding protecting wildlife and waters. I see my neighbors fertilizing and spraying toxins along the waterfront regularly. I have yet, in living on salt water and fresh water for over 20 years, been provided any information regarding these topics.
- More research and education of home owners on habitat preservation. Research should also guide amount of harvesting
- Quality of ecosystems- water and shore!
- more "sustainability and cleanliness"
- The county should work the State and local county residents to educate the public of the impacts of Phosphorus and Nitrates on streams and lakes, and eventually, the Puget Sound.
- Protect our valuable wetlands, no more building!

#### **Recreation-**

- more horse trail to the beach
- highly value trails for horses
- increase for horse accessible beaches
- 2 more access for horseback riding
- Bike trails along shoreline roads
- I want to continue to be able to roast marshmallows on the shores edge (with permit, of course)
- scuba
- camping/remote

#### **Fishing/Shellfish Harvesting-**

- regulate commercial fishermen & tribes
- SAVE HOOD CANAL FOR REC FISHING ONLY TO REBUILD STOCKS AND PROMOTE TOURISM/FISHING GUIDE INDUSTRY. A ROBUST REC FISHING/SHELLFISHING AREA COULD INCREASE IN and OUT OF STATE REC LICENSE PURCHASES, WHICH I BELIEVE ARE A GREATER SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE THAN COMM LICENSES/FEES.
- No Native American commercial fishing and shell fish harvesting in Dyes inlet
- Kitsap should not tolerate polluting and disease spreading fish farms.
- Too much commercial fishing & dumping
- less uncontrolled tribal and commercial harvesting
- Need to keep better tabs on native tribes illegally drift netting during night hours between Manette and Waterman.
- Kitsap County should do more to regulate Native American commercial fishing and shellfish harvesting. Past practice has shown devastating practices of large vacuums being used to dredge the bottom of Hood Canal to obtain shellfish. This practice has left areas of the Hood Canal barren of shellfish.
- more fishing piers

#### **Growth/Development-**

- more "less dense housing"
- Enhance State owned waterfront properties
- a visionary government would maximize public use of the shoreline, start by putting in the boardwalk from downtown Bremerton to evergreen park
- In currently developed areas, similar new development should be allowed without new restrictive regulations. Site-specific building codes should be enforced
- Less commercial industry on the water
- I think the county needs to regulate and monitor developments and how they manage runoff from roofs and paved areas because it all ends up in the sound.
- No construction on the tide flats
- no more condos in Bremerton
- design houses to fit setbacks
- it would be nice to begin burying utility lines as opportunities occur in order to enhance views

**Other-**

- Daily information on water quality
- more facilities for kayaks & rowboats, store a lightweight boat at all 911 stations for rescue, more unobtrusive single family building & restaurants okay, no view blocking condos.
- Preservation of historical structures.
- what is already existent somewhat limits options
- Please educate public about private tidelands, where the public has access to public tidelands let them know where those public tidelands end
- 2 Prohibit any memorials on waterfront parks
- referring to downtown Port Orchard only
- I am not responding to some questions
- Different Value in different locations: city vs rural...
- Less regulation, lower taxes. Period
- I don't eat fish or recreationally fish, so my answers are really not educated. Seems like some more public friendly access to the beaches would be good.