September 8, 2009

Dear Stakeholder:

We need your help. Kitsap County is required to update its Shoreline Management Master Program (SMP) and is being funded by the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) to conduct the SMP update. While Ecology ultimately approves the updated plan, the citizens and county government will cooperatively develop an updated plan to propose to Ecology. As a kick-off to this program update, we are holding several informational outreach meetings throughout September and part of October. We are hosting these meeting in order to:

- Provide a basic understanding of the State requirements to an SMP update: such as project time line, budget and tasks;
- Seek interest by key shoreline user and stakeholder groups to participate in an SMP Update Advisory Group; and
- Gather feedback and other ideas on public and agencies’ involvement throughout the three-year comprehensive shoreline planning and regulatory update process.

Enclosed in this letter is a reply card with the dates and locations of these initial outreach meetings all of which will start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm:

- Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the Kingston Fire Station 26642 Miller Bay Rd NE, Kingston
- Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Keyport Bible Church 15270 Washington Ave NE, Keyport
- Thursday, September 24, 2009 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, The Eagle’s Nest 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton
- Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Seabeck Christian Conf. Center “Dining Hall”, 15395 Seabeck Hwy NW, Seabeck
- Monday, October 5, 2009 at the Kitsap County Administration Building, Chambers 619 Division St., Port Orchard

Please let us know which meeting you are able to attend. You may fill out and return the enclosed card; call (360) 337-5777; or, email openline@co.kitsap.wa.us to indicate which meeting you wish to attend or to be added to our interested parties list. You and/or your organization have much to offer in helping plan for the future of Kitsap County’s abundant shoreline resources. We hope you agree and can ultimately join this cooperative effort. Thank you for returning the enclosed card. We look forward to seeing you.

Kitsap County Department of Community Development