



Executive Summary

Issue Title: 2024 Critical Areas Ordinance Update
Meeting Date: September 5, 2023
Time Required: 30 Minutes
Department: Department of Community Development (DCD)
Attendees: Colin Poff, Carla Lundgren

Action Requested at This Meeting: No action necessary – status update.

Background:

The Kitsap County Community Development Department is reviewing and updating its Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) with adoption targeted by June, 2024. The CAO was last updated in 2017, and will be completed in conjunction with the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. Edits will be related to KCC Title 19.

The purpose of this project is to evaluate and modify the CAO per the schedule provided in RCW 36.70A.130. The scope of the project is as follows:

- Compliance with State mandates
- Incorporation of any recent BAS or new information available since the last update in 2017
- Consideration and incorporation of any recent court or Growth Management Hearings Board decisions
- Receive technical guidance regarding each type of Critical Areas and update as needed. (*i.e. Wetlands, aquifers, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas*)
- Integrate critical areas regulations with other County efforts including the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, Natural Resources as an Asset, and Monitoring Effectiveness
- Inclusion of code corrections or other amendments identified by staff while implementing the CAO

Update:

Following review of the Best Available Science (BAS) summary and Consistency and Gap Analysis, the County held one working group meeting for each of the five critical areas.

County Staff developed written summaries of each working group meeting and would like to provide an overview of those summaries.

County staff will also provide a general update of the CAO update process and any key issues that have been identified for further review.

Next Steps:

- October - December 2023 – 2nd round of Working Group Meetings
- February 2024 – Draft CAO Amendments released and public comment period.
- June, 2024 – Target CAO Adoption

Attachments:

- Best Available Science Summary
- Consistency and Gap Analysis
- Working Groups Written Summaries