

# **Kitsap County Department of Community Development Best Available Science Technical Review Committee (TRC)**

## **I. PURPOSE OF THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Assist the Department of Community Development in reviewing existing Best Available Science (BAS) relating to Critical Areas as defined in the Kitsap County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). The TRC will act in an advisory role reviewing data, methodology, and criteria to assist the County in determining what BAS is appropriate to consider in updating the County's policies and development regulations as required by GMA.

## **II. DUTIES**

- i. Review existing data and identify errors or omissions in the information.**
- ii. Review and discuss methodology and criteria for determining BAS appropriate for Kitsap County.**
- iii. Review and discuss existing BAS and provide recommendations on appropriate BAS and possible changes to County planning policies and development regulations.**

## **III. DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP:**

- i. Able to communicate and work well with others;**
- ii. Willing to consider and discuss a variety of viewpoints;**
- iii. Subject matter expertise.**
- iv. Willing to devote time for 7-10 TRC meetings and review of BAS material in preparation of the upcoming TRC meetings.**

## **IV. COMPOSITION OF THE BAS TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:**

Membership is intended to represent a spectrum of viewpoints within Kitsap County

One Representative from each of the following groups will be asked to participate:

**Kitsap County Home Builders  
Kitsap County Association of Realtors  
Kitsap County Planning Commission  
Suquamish Tribe  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
Kitsap Alliance of Property Owners  
Department of Ecology  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
West Sound Conservation Council  
Kitsap County League of Women Voters**

## **V. SCHEDULE**

The initial organizational meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday November 5, 2003 from 2:00 until 4:00. Subsequent meetings are tentatively scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the same time. Meetings are planned to take place in Silverdale.

## **VI Ground Rules**

**The TRC is not a decision-making body. Members will be asked for their opinions and perspectives. Discussion may result in a consensus recommendation with regard to some issues but is not required. The Department of Community Development has the responsibility to determine the BAS to be used in the GMA update process.**

**Members will be asked to conduct themselves in a courteous, professional, and respectful manner. Discussions should be honest and wide-ranging, provided that the subject at hand is addressed in a timely fashion.**