

# Shoreline Master Program Update Draft Public Participation Plan

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## 1. Introduction:

Kitsap County is updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) in accordance with the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA) governed by RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26. It is the purpose of the SMA to manage the shoreline to accommodate all reasonable and appropriate uses consistent with protecting against adverse effects to the public health, the land and its vegetation and wildlife, and the waters of the state and their aquatic life. Public participation is a key component of this three year planning effort. The SMA states the local government and Ecology shall “not only invite but actively encourage participation” in SMP development (RCW 90.58.130). The procedural rules require local governments to make all reasonable efforts to inform, fully involve and encourage participation of interested persons, private entities and local, state and federal agencies (WAC 173-26-090); specifically requiring communication with state agencies and affected Indian Tribes (WAC 173-26-201(3) (b)).

The following plan is designed to guide the public participation process associated with the Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program Update. The dates and deliverables described here are subject to change as the project evolves, with the exception of any requirements outlined in the Washington Department of Ecology Agreement (No.G1000064. or in the WAC and RCW.

## 2. Goal

To inform and involve the public and all stakeholders in the update to the Kitsap County Shoreline Management Master Program (SMP), consistent with the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58.130) and the Shoreline Management Master Program Guidelines (WAC 173-26).

### A. Objectives:

- Broadly disseminate information, proposals and alternatives.
- Provide opportunity for written and oral testimony.
- Establish public meetings with effective means of public notice pursuant to RCW 36.70A.035.
- Establish a clear means to consider public comments and an effective mechanism to document responses for public review and decision makers' consideration.

- Develop multiple citizen-participation approaches to promote and encourage open public discussion among participating groups and individuals.
- Make all reasonable efforts to invite, inform and involve all interested persons, private entities, tribal nations, and agencies of the federal, state and local government having interests and responsibilities relating to the shorelines of the state and the Kitsap County SMP.

### 3. Stakeholders/Participants

A variety of groups, agencies, and individuals may have interest in the update of Kitsap County's SMP. These stakeholders can be categorized as follows:

- Property Owners, citizens, residents, and visitors
- Community Advisory Councils
- Shoreline User, Interest and Community Groups
- Corporations and Businesses
- Non-profit organizations
- Planning Commissioners
- Board of County Commissioners
- Intragovernmental Entities
- Quasi-government Groups
- Intergovernmental Entities – Federal, state and local agencies, tribal nations, neighboring jurisdictions

### 4. Public Participation Process:

#### Initial Public outreach efforts

- Mailings to community groups, agencies, tribes, ports, cities and shoreline user groups
- Newspaper Advertisements/Articles for meeting times and project updates
- Website Announcement
- Mass mailings may be utilized
- Kitsap County to build and maintain the list of interested parties and meeting attendees
- Community outreach meetings to provide general information and generate interest in participation

#### Ways citizens and stakeholders can participate:

- Representation at the SMP Workgroup

- Selected qualified participants in a Technical Advisory Committee
- Requests for citizen Input via website and at workgroup meetings. Kitsap County will prepare, monitor and scan comment cards to be part of the running log of public comments
- Community Visioning Process
- Information posted on website
- Notices of Public Hearings
- Construct a CRM response tree for County's Open Line

#### Roles of SMP Workgroup

- Bring local knowledge from core constituency of shoreline stakeholders
- Assist in framing SMP goals, policies and use provisions for approval by Commissioners and Department of Ecology
- Adhere to the SMP Workgroup Bylaws
- Responsibly become informed of shoreline management and program update issues. Participants will be provided with technical information and an overview of issues and alternative measures. Questions and comments will occur within the formal meeting format.
- Review meeting information and outcomes with core constituency
- Attend meetings or form a group of substitute attendees
- Review actions and alternatives against criteria
- Discuss cooperatively alternatives and continually seek common ground
- Register preferences for viable alternatives to shoreline policies and regulations.

#### Contents and Use of the SMP Website: [kitsapshoreline.org](http://kitsapshoreline.org)

- Current meetings scheduled
- SMP Work group Education Information and documents to review.
- Frequently Asked Questions ( and Answers)
- Links to RCW, WAC, Kitsap County maps, Ecology and Science Documents
- Sign up as interested party on the website
- Public comment repository
- SMP Schedule and update on SMP progress.
- News Articles

5. Timeline

The SMP Public Participation activities and the date of completion may be altered as the SMP update progresses.

| <b>SMP Public Participation Activity</b>   | <b>Date of Completion</b> |
|--|---------------------------|
| Conduct SMP Interested Parties Meetings  | Sept. Oct. Nov. 2009      |
| Form SMP Workgroup and Technical Group   | January 2010              |
| Conduct Workgroup Kick off Meeting (Review WAC and discuss Bylaws)   | January 2010              |
| <u>Initial Introduction/Review Shoreline Technical Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of WAC requirements</li> <li>• Overview of shoreline ecology,</li> <li>• Overview of the State of Puget Sound</li> <li>• Overview of Science Policy</li> <li>• Overview of the Nearshore Assessment</li> <li>• Overview of Shoreline Jurisdiction</li> </ul>  | Jan., Feb. 2010           |
| 2.1 Shoreline Inventory  | February 2010             |
| 2.2 Shoreline Analysis<br><br><u>2.2.1 Characterize Ecosystem wide processes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographic Context of Shoreline Jurisdictional Areas</li> <li>• Identification of areas important to Shoreline Ecological Function</li> <li>• Identification of Key Impairment Areas</li> <li>• Identification of Protection/Restoration Opportunities in Essential Areas</li> </ul><br><u>2.2.2 Characterize Shoreline functions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail Components in Shoreline Jurisdiction</li> <li>• Evaluate and Assess Shoreline Functions</li> </ul><br><u>2.2.3 Conduct shoreline use analysis, analyze opportunities for public access</u> | March 2010                |
| 2.5 Review Initial Community Visioning Plan and proposed Citizen Values Assessment and Issues  | June 2010                 |
| 2.3 Review with Workgroup Ecology's comments to prepare Final Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report  | August 2010               |
| 3.1 Report Community Visioning Process Results to Work   | September 2010            |

| <b>SMP Public Participation Activity</b>  | <b>Date of Completion</b> |
|---|---------------------------|
| Group   |                           |
| Develop criteria for policy and regulatory evaluations  | October 2010              |
| 3.2 Develop General Goals and Policies  | June 2011                 |
| 3.3 Develop Environmental Designations  | June 2011                 |
| 3.4 Develop Use Regulations & Standards; Shoreline Modification Policies, Regulations and Standards | June 2011                 |
| 3.5 SMP Administrative Provisions   | June 2011                 |
| 3.6 Prepare Preliminary Cumulative Impacts Analysis   | June 2011                 |
| 4.1 Prepare Restoration Plan  | October 2011              |
| 4.2 Revisit Draft SMP and Cumulative Impact Analysis, Revised Designations and Policies             | December 2011             |
| Draft SMP Local Adoption Process Public Hearing   | October 2012              |
| Prepare Responsiveness Summary  | November 2012             |