

SKAGIT COUNTY

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE



Skagit County (along with every other city and county in the state) is working on updating our 1970s-era shoreline regulations. Our shoreline plans (SMP's) are required by the state Shoreline Management Act (SMA), which was approved by Washington voters in a 1972 referendum. The SMP provides environmental protection for shorelines, preserves and enhances public access, and encourages appropriate development that supports water-oriented uses.

Key topic areas:

- Residential development
- Shoreline stabilization
- Docks and other overwater structures
- Buffers and setbacks
- Critical area requirements
- Shoreline designations
- Permitting process

Visioning workshops:

The Department held visioning workshops in Concrete, Lyman, Mount Vernon, and Anacortes in June-July 2011, early in the update process. The results of those workshops is summarized in the Visioning Workshops Summary, available on the County's website.

**SMP
Open Houses in
May and June –
details on back**

What will happen at the open houses?

The format for the open houses will be informal discussions with County staff and the consultant team to answer questions and provide information and to receive input on the SMP. There will not be a formal presentation or public comment period at these open houses, although informal comments will be collected.

Next steps after the open houses:

- Revisions to the SMP
- Planning Commission study sessions
- Outreach and presentations
- 60-day comment period
- Public hearing before the Planning Commission
- Board of Commissioners consideration

Learn more at:

www.skagitcounty.net/SMP



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Mark your calendar!

Skagit County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Open Houses

The meetings will be held on the following dates, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.:

Tues. May 28

Skagit County Commissioners
Admin. Building
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon, WA

Thurs. May 30

Anacortes City Hall
904 6th Street
Anacortes, WA

Tues. June 4

Old Lyman Town Hall
8334 South Main
Lyman, WA

Thurs. June 6

Concrete Senior Center
45821 Railroad Street
Concrete, WA