

Meeting #2 Shoreline Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 8, 2011
Skagit County Board of Commissioners' Hearing Room

SAC members present: Herb Goldston, Kim Mower, Brian Lipscomb, Tim Hyatt, Shirley Solomon, Jim Wiggins, Michael Hughes, Kraig Knutzen, Ward Krkoska, Kevin Bright, Chuck Haigh, Jon Ostlund, Wayne Crider, Bill Dewey.

SAC members absent: Oscar Graham, Daryl Hamburg and Scott Andrews.

Others present: Betsy Stevenson, Melinda Posner, Dan Nickel and Sarah Sandstrom.

Notebooks were made available for SAC members.

The Draft Charter was reviewed and discussed.

The Draft Meeting and Topic Schedule was handed out and reviewed. It was noted that only one meeting was scheduled for the committee to review the Rough Draft SMP (March 8, 2012) and a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on March 27, 2012 would not allow enough time for adequate review, comment and revisions prior to the joint meeting on March 27. Clarification was requested for the length of the commitment of the SAC. WDFW and WDNR were suggested as potential presenters, along with several others, in an effort to inform the members regarding information pertinent to the SMP Update process. More detail regarding the content of the presentations was requested before the group commits to scheduling them. The group agreed that in order to accommodate such presentations (if determined to be worthwhile), they would rather have them scheduled at the end of a regularly scheduled SAC meeting, not an additional night. It is anticipated that the information presented would be of a technical nature, rather than presentations by user groups. The group prefers to get the parts of the rough draft document as they are completed for review and discussion, rather than get it as a whole document. SAC members would like to know what the state guidelines and regulations say about the update process. It is important that they know what will be required for the SMP to be considered compliant with the regulations. A request was made for copies of local SMP's that have been approved and adopted.

The Draft Visioning Workshop Summary was handed out and discussed briefly. Committee members will review and provide comments. A question regarding whether some of the visioning statements in the matrix were going to be doable under the regulations was asked. That will be discussed throughout the process. The FEMA BiOp and the Ruckelshaus voluntary stewardship program for agriculture and critical areas were brought in the context of how that work affects what is happening with the SMP



Update. Might be worthy of a presentation topic. The value of the vision as laid out in the matrix is that the public is speaking and those in regulatory positions should “sit up and listen.”

The Public Participation was noted and is included in the notebook. It is a living, working document that is likely to change over the course of the update process. Successful methods for outreach will be utilized over those that do not provide successful response.

The Draft Shoreline Analysis Report was presented and is contained in the notebook. A Power Point Presentation outlined what is contained in the report, how the information was obtained and its intended use. The Power Point Presentation provided more detail on the

- Inventory Elements
- Management Units
- Functional Analysis
- Restoration Plan
- Land Use Analysis
- Shoreline Management Recommendations
- Overall scoring and prioritization

The group requested copies of the maps as soon as possible. A discussion about when comments were due (from the public and the committee) resulted in an extension of the initial date of September 30, 2011 to October 14, 2011. An ftp site will be added by The Watershed Company for the committee members use and CD's will be copied and sent to Betsy to distribute.