

CHAPTER 4 **MASTER PROGRAM GOALS**

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4.01 **Adoption**

In addition to the findings, purposes, and policies stated in Chapter 1, Sections 1.02 and 1.03, there is hereby adopted nine goal statements pursuant to the program elements specified in RCW 90.58.100(2). These goals were devised, reviewed, and adopted by the Skagit County Citizens Advisory Committee in order to provide an overall, comprehensive foundation and sense of direction upon which the policies, regulations, shoreline area designations, and administrative procedures would be based. These goals will provide overall guidance for the management of the shorelines of Skagit County.

4.02 **Goal Statements**

1. **Shoreline use** - To allow for compatible uses of the shorelines in relationship to the limitations of their physical and environmental characteristics. Such uses should enhance rather than detract from or adversely impact, the existing shoreline environment.
2. **Conservation** - To preserve, protect, and restore the natural resources of Skagit County's shorelines in the public interest and for future generations. These natural resources include but are not necessarily limited to fish, wildlife, vegetation, and natural features found in shoreline regions. Only renewable resources should be extracted and in a manner that will not adversely affect the shoreline environment.
3. **Public access** - To provide safe, convenient, properly administered and diversified public access to publicly owned shorelines of Skagit County without infringing upon the personal or property rights of adjacent residents. Such access should not have an adverse impact upon the environment
4. **Circulation** - To permit safe, adequate, and diversified transportation systems that are compatible with the shorelines, resulting in minimum disruptions to the shoreline environment.
5. **Economic development** - To promote and encourage the optimum use of existing industrial and economic areas for users who are shoreline dependent and shoreline related

and can harmoniously coexist with the natural and human environments; and, subsequently, to create similar areas as need arises with minimum disruption of the shorelines.

6. **Recreation** - To encourage the provision and improvement of private and public recreation along the shorelines of Skagit County only to the extent that the environment is not impaired or degraded.
7. **Historical/Cultural/Educational** - To identify, protect, and restore those shoreline areas and facilities that are of historical, cultural or educational value. Public or private organizations should be encouraged to provide public access and protection of such areas and facilities.
8. **Restoration and enhancement** - To restore and enhance those shoreline areas and facilities that are presently unsuitable for public or private access and use.
9. **Implementation Process** - Provide an efficient system for shoreline permit applications which would eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort or jurisdictional conflicts, yet assure complete coordination and review. Provide a process to periodically update the inventory, goals, policies, and regulations to achieve responsiveness to changing attitudes and conditions.