Thurston County
Shoreline Master Program
(NOT YET ADOPTED—OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT)
Summary of Proposed SMP Changes & Community Benefits

NOTABLE CHANGES PROPOSED
● Regulations have been simplified to be easier to understand.
● Requirements that were unclear, like the rules for determining 50 percent loss, have been removed.

Greater Flexibility
● New options for storage structures.
● Buffers tailored to individual shoreline characteristics.
● Reduced buffers in some shoreline designations.

Simplified Processes
● Easier to remodel & rebuild legally non-conforming structures.
● Rewrites that make regulations easier to use and more transparent.

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FACT SHEET #2
Summary of Proposed Changes

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click Shoreline Master Program

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A County SMP covers most shoreline building projects. Ask staff about yours.

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Title 19
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