THURSTON COUNTY
SHORELINES MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE
Wednesday, March 4, 2009
Yelm Schools

In Attendance

Robert Norton, Hal Shepherd, Marc Giron, Paul J. Sparks, C.J. Clark, Frank Hudik, Alan Thomas, Constance Smith, Chris Stearns, Richard & Floella Oatfield

Meeting facilitated by John Kliem and Debbie Holden, Creative Community Solutions.

1. AGENDA

6:00 – 8:00

• Shoreline Management Act Goals & Master Program Policies
• Sharing Your Ideas for Shoreline Policies
• What’s Next

2. BRAINSTORMING SESSION

The group was asked to brainstorm policy ideas for the Shoreline Master Program. They were given the following instructions:

1. Work individually or in teams
2. Go to any Workstation
3. Use pen and index cards to write your ideas
4. Be general / Be specific
5. Write legibly!
6. Place the card on the table at the workstation so others can read it
7. Write as many cards as you like!
### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### TOPIC: General Policy Items

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<th>Interagency &amp; Intergovernmental Coordination must occur. It does not, making citizen grassroots efforts frustrating</th>
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<td>Better Mapping and Restrictions for Back Flooding of Tributary Mouths adjacent to the Chehalis river at the same Elevation as the adjacent Chehalis floodplain to help Prevent Flooding of Poorly Sited buildings Adjacent to these Tributary Mouths</td>
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<td>Fair Application of Rules to all Land Owners on a Body of Water, not Selective Enforcement of Grandfathered Rules, or who can Buy a Waiver. Do the Fish Know?</td>
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<td>Strict Enforcement of Septic / Sewer Regulations</td>
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#### TOPIC: Agriculture & Aquaculture

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<th>Require all Turf Farms to stop using concentrated Nitrate Fertilizers and Transition to Bioremediation Techniques that will cost less and eliminate the single greatest source of pollution of our lakes in Eastern Thurston County</th>
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<td>Allow no new Farms and Never Allow Feed Lots</td>
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<td>Require Geoduck harvesters to work with Bioremediation technologies to mitigate to help clear-up the Sound’s water clarity. Injection pumps should be restricted to help promote the regrowth of marine vegetation that has been lost due to improper management. (Water is cloudy with sediment)</td>
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<td>Require Shellfish Growers, Fish Hatcheries and Net Pen Aquaculture users of marine / freshwater resources to utilize effective bioremediation measures to eliminate the nitrate pollution produced by the concentrated use and production of fish &amp; shellfish.</td>
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<td>Require “Aqua-Farms” to Apply for an Environmental Impact Study or a Similar Requirement</td>
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### TOPIC: Recreation and Cultural Resources

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<th>Properly Sign current Areas of Public Access so that the Public can Utilize These Areas More Effectively.</th>
<th>Public boat Launches Should be Kept Up. From Initial Installation of Facility, the County does no up-keep to the Point of Deterioration. The cash out-lay (of upkeep) is much less than to completely redo the Entire Facility.</th>
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<td>Facilities (i.e., Boat Launches) should have Restroom Facilities and Trash Removal to Keep Surrounding Lands Clean and Sanitary.</td>
<td>Make County Grants – Tax Credits to landowners who Maintain County Facilities, i.e., Boat Ramps &amp; Docks on Lakes.</td>
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<td>At all Access Points, Put up Signage Stipulating Rules &amp; Regulations.</td>
<td>Determine “X” number of Miles or Locations where the Public can have Access to the Water. Purchase (County) and / or Credit Property Owner</td>
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<td>Before Getting any more Public Accesses, Make Sure you Have the Budget to Take Care of What you Have Now.</td>
<td>Law Enforcement of Violations of all Shore Laws.</td>
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### TOPIC: Protection & Restoration of Natural Resources

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<th>Allow no Tree Cutting without a Permit Within 100 Feet of High Water</th>
<th>Policies Should be Looked at Separately for Fresh Water and Salt Water.</th>
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<td>Thurston County should Recognize that it is one of the Best Sites for Forage Fish Spawning in Puget Sound and plan to Protect those known Spawning Sites of Surf Smelt &amp; Pacific Sand Lance (Candlefish). Public Education Regarding this Resource at County Shoreline Parks Would be a good First Step.</td>
<td>Responsible Agency Held Accountable for Stewardship of their land. Example: WA DNR “owns” the 330-acre bottom of Lawrence Lake, allowed Redirection of the Deschutes River into the Lake, now Refuses to Plan Restoration from Weed Invasion (non-native).</td>
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Create a Program to Restore natural Vegetation Along our Marine Shoreline to Include Trees such as Planting Sitka Spruce that once Lined the Entire Shoreline of the Puget Sound to help shade the nearshore shoreline.

200’ setback on Rivers & Lakes for Septic & Permanent Structures. 50’ setback for Grazing. 100’ setback for tree removable along Rivers.

**TOPIC: Housing**

Current Landowners should be Grandfathered in for Setbacks and Septic so as not to Further Restrict the Use of the Property.

Make sure we Protect our Private Property Rights.

Proper Consideration should be Given to Areas Facing High Wind Energy (fetch) and Unstable Slopes (landslides) so that these areas remain Undeveloped and Placed in more Public use to Benefit the Public rather than being a Source of Poor Planning and Costly Problems to Current Residents.

Concern about will I be able to Build at Lake St. Clair.

State of Washington considers Septic System as a Renewable Resource to the Aquifer. Really all Lakes and River areas should have Contained Sewer Systems for Maximum Protection.

To have Housing that Doesn’t Impact the Shoreline you must have a Drinking Water Supply and a Sewer System that doesn’t impact the Shoreline Water.

Keep Setbacks at 100’ in area where it is now 100’; 200’ minimum would Eliminate Building on Many Riverfront Lots

Make all Future Shoreline Development be Single Family only

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Shoreline Master Program – 50’ Critical Areas Ordinance - 150’ Zoning Issues and Health Regulations need to be Consistent and Manageable
4. FOLLOW-UP AND NEXT STEPS

Tonight’s public comments will be going to the county planning staff for their consideration in developing shoreline master program policies.

The anticipated draft policies will be available through an open house shortly after June 30, 2009.

For further information see: www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/shoreline-master-program/index.html