



Thurston County Government

# Shoreline Master Program

Land-use & Zoning Regulations for County Shorelines

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# Overview

- SMP Outreach Summary
- Aquaculture Follow Up (From Dec. 4)
- Addressing Planning Commission Comments
- Docks in the Natural Shoreline Environment Designation





# SMP Outreach Summary

- Handout
  - Key stakeholders and meetings to date
  - Broader outreach efforts to date
  - Planned communications
  - Project schedule







# Aquaculture Follow Up (from Dec. 4)



- SMP Permits – Renewal and Extensions
  - Generally, permits are not subject to renewal once issued
  - In Proposal:
    - Development or use must commence within 2 years; 1 year extension allowed
    - Authorization to conduct development activities lasts 5 years; 1 year extension allowed
    - Permits may be revised if “within the scope and intent of the original permit”
- SMP Permits – Inspections & Enforcement
  - County may enforce permit conditions or SMP provisions
  - No regular inspections once aquaculture operations once permitted.





# Currently Pending Aquaculture Projects

- 2 geoduck permits on Cooper Point
- 1 geoduck permit on Nisqually Reach





# Review of PC Comments

- Comments from PC/public to be discussed with PC before being acted on by staff
- Most recent comments received at December 4 meeting
- Action Item: PC should direct staff which items to take up
- Next iteration of draft will reflect direction received from Planning Commission on comments





# Docks in the Natural Shoreline Environment Designation

- Proposed to be prohibited in Natural SED
  - Current SMP also prohibits docks in Natural SED
- State law does not prohibit docks in any SED
- WAC 173-26-231 provides general principles for shoreline modifications:
  - Reduce adverse effects of shoreline modifications; limit in number and extent
  - Give preference to shoreline modifications that have a lesser impact on ecological function





# Docks in the Natural Shoreline Environment Designation



- WAC 173-26-231 directs local gov'ts to limit intensity of residential development in Natural environment
  - "The purpose of the "natural" environment is to protect those shoreline areas that are relatively free of human influence or that include intact or minimally degraded shoreline functions intolerant of human use."





# Buoys vs. Other Mooring Structures

- Draft SMP requires demonstration that buoy is not sufficient for moorage
  - Current SMP also states preference for buoy over dock
- WAC 173-26-231(2): Limit number and extent of shoreline modifications. Give preference to shoreline modifications that have a lesser impact on ecological function.





# Docks & Buoys (cont.)

- Staff recommendation for draft SMP:
  1. Retain prohibition of docks in Natural SED.
  2. Require applicants to demonstrate mooring buoys are infeasible prior to permitting dock.

***Clarification on 12/19/19: Under the current proposal, Recommendation #2 would only apply to the Rural Conservancy, Urban Conservancy, and Shoreline Residential SEDs. Docks are proposed to be prohibited in the Natural SED.***

- Does Planning Commission wish to propose different standards than what is currently in draft SMP?





# Questions/Upcoming PC Review

## SMP Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

- *Still to come, Study Halls on Chapter 19.600, 19.700, appendices*
- *Final pre-hearing review of entire document*

