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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission
FROM: Brad Murphy, Senior Planner
DATE: March 26, 2019
SUBJECT: SMP Draft Chapter 200 for April 3rd Planning Commission meeting

At the April 3rd Planning Commission meeting, staff will review and ask for decisions with moving forward on Chapter 200, Shoreline Jurisdiction and Environment Designation, of the Draft Shoreline Master Program. Much of the language from Chapter 19.200 comes from RCW 90.58.040 in defining Shorelines, Shorelines of Statewide Significance, and Shorelands. Additionally, WAC 173-26-211 is used in defining shoreline environment designations.

Comment trends from citizens focused mostly on the definitions for shorelines of the state and Shorelines of Statewide Significance. Staff has tried to clarify the definitions in the strike-thru version of Chapter 200. Staff also intends to give some examples to hopefully clarify the optional shoreline jurisdiction of including “buffers necessary to protect critical areas” during the April 3rd meeting. Many potential language changes were proposed but those that would’ve changed a meaning or the RCW or WAC definitions, were mostly not included. Changes were limited to those that intended to clarify the language in Chapter 200.

As part of the March 6th Planning Commission meeting materials sent to Planning Commissioners, staff included a comment matrix that listed comments received broken out by chapter. Some of those comments were from track-change versions of documents submitted by the public and regulatory agencies as well as submitted comment letters. You received those documents as part of your packets when the SMP was discussed at prior Planning Commission meetings over the past year and a half.

Comment Matrix:

- Comments on Chapter 200 are on page 31 thru 43 of the 3-6-19 comment matrix.
- Similar to Chapters 100 and 150 there were minimal overall trends in comments related to Chapter 200. There were multiple comments requesting clarification on the definition

of shorelines of the state and Shorelines of Statewide Significance and staff has tried to accommodate those requests.

- Although there were some comments regarding shoreline environment designations in Chapter 200, most of the definition language is from RCW's, WAC's, or County code and therefore staff did not propose major changes unless it was suggested by a regulatory agency.

Please submit questions or comments to me via the protocol discussed at the March 6th meeting. E-mail comments to Polly and copy me. No additional Planning Commissioners should be included on your e-mail.

Staff will then review your question or comment to be discussed with the Planning Commission at the next meeting. We continue to accept comments, so the matrix will continue to be updated.

The draft Thurston County Shoreline Master Program document is based on language contained in other SMP's already approved and adopted by Ecology. The proposed strike-thru changes in Chapter 200 are intended to add clarity to certain topics, help explain ideas or reasoning, or were corrections or changes based on regulatory agency comments. The SMP will be a topic on your meeting agendas for the upcoming future so there will be many opportunities to continue review and decision making on the document.

Staff would again like to have the work session at tables in front of the dais in order to facilitate a more interactive work session. Microphones will be available for use. Please let myself or Polly know by Tuesday the 2nd if you have any concerns with the work session taking place with a table configuration.