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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Thurston County Planning Commission

**FROM:** Brad Murphy, Senior Planner

**DATE:** April 11, 2019

**SUBJECT:** SMP Draft Chapter 19.300 for April 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting

At the April 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting, staff will review and ask for decisions with moving forward on Chapter 300, General Goals and Policies, of the Draft Shoreline Master Program. Much of the language from Chapter 19.300 comes from RCW 90.58.020 in defining policy for Shorelines of the State, Shorelines of Statewide Significance, and Shorelands. Additionally, WAC 173-26-191 describes how the policies in Chapter 300 are the basis for regulations that govern use and development in shoreline jurisdiction. Chapter 300 is written broadly to incorporate the many goals and policies of the Shoreline Management Act.

Numerous comments were received on Chapter 300. Comment trends from citizens ranged from recommending additional new policies, removing policies, and stating that some policies were vague or ill defined. Staff has tried to clarify the language in Chapter 300 as represented by the strike-thru version. Like other places in the document, potential language changes were proposed but those that would've changed a meaning or counter to RCW or WAC language, were mostly not included. Many of the public comments were focused on Chapters 105 Critical Areas and Ecological Protection, 130 Shoreline Use and Site Planning, and 135 Public Access and Recreation.

As part of the March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 300 are on pages 42 thru 79 of the 3-6-19 comment matrix.
- Many of the public comments were focused on Chapters 105 Critical Areas and Ecological Protection, 130 Shoreline Use and Site Planning, and 135 Public Access and Recreation. Additional comments received included comments on Chapter 120 Economic Development and 140 Restoration and Enhancement.
- There was one comment received that proposed moving much of the material in Chapter 19.600 up to Chapter 300. Staff reviewed this option with Current Planning staff and they preferred the current organization make-up of the document for ease of use, with the information in Chapter 300 separate from Chapter 600.

Please submit questions or comments to me via the protocol discussed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 300 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 will continue to have the work session(s) at tables in front of the dais in order to facilitate a more interactive work session. Microphones will be available for use. Please let Polly or me know if you have any concerns with the work session taking place with a table configuration.