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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Andrew Deffobis, Associate Planner

DATE: September 29, 2020

SUBJECT: Update on Shoreline Master Program Draft

This memo provides an update on draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP) documents. Originally, staff planned to provide the next draft before the October 7, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Work continues on incorporating input from the Planning Commission received to date, as well as recommendations from Ecology, to produce a draft that is consistent with state law. However, staff has needed to shift attention to some recent technical information received from Ecology that must be reviewed before completing an updated draft.

Staff recently received new technical input from Ecology regarding shoreline mapping and how shoreline jurisdiction must be reflected in the update. Staff are working with Thurston County GeoData and Ecology to ensure that all appropriate data is used to show shoreline jurisdiction on the maps associated with the update. Draft maps that accurately depict proposed shoreline jurisdiction are foundational to the update package that will ultimately go to Planning Commission public hearing, and important for planned public outreach.

The current objective is to return to Planning Commission with a complete draft of the update that can be considered in full before setting a public hearing, instead of introducing chapters one at a time as was done in the past. This honors a past request from the Planning Commission. The working plan is to present the draft chapters at the October 21, 2020 meeting, and allow at least two weeks for the Planning Commission to review the draft before discussing any changes at a subsequent meeting.