

Kittitas County Regional Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update October Revised Draft SMP Handout December 4, 2013 Meeting

TAC and CAC members, the public, Department of Ecology, and County, City and Town staff have provided feedback and guidance throughout the SMP update process. These latest working documents – the October 2013 Revised Draft SMPs – are the final opportunity for CAC and TAC members to comment on the working documents before the Final Draft SMPs are compiled and distributed for public review.

What changed?

Previously, CAC and TAC members reviewed versions of a single SMP document. That document was amended to reflect feedback and guidance and has now been divided into a separate SMP for each of the four jurisdictions participating in the regional update. Those jurisdiction-specific SMPs have each been tailored to include only the applicable Shoreline Environment Designations (SEDs) and associated policies in each particular jurisdiction.

Amendments since the January 2013 Initial Draft SMP and the May/June 2013 working drafts include:

Changes to All SMPs

- Formatting and editing to make the document more clear, concise, and readable
- Introduction of programmatic exemption language in Section 6.3.4.
- Amendments to non-conforming regulations

Changes to City and Town SMPs

- Updated references to the appropriate jurisdiction
- Revised list of applicable shoreline environment designations (SEDs)
- Removal of policies and regulations for SEDs not relevant in the jurisdiction
- Jurisdiction-specific critical areas regulations inserted in Section 4.2
- Stand-alone enforcement Section 6.12 inserted for Cle Elum and South Cle Elum
- Reference existing enforcement provisions in Section 6.12 for Kittitas County and Ellensburg
- Making maps in Appendix A jurisdiction-specific

Changes to County SMP

- Made feedlots a prohibited use in response to staff recommendation
- Made dredging a permitted use in some instances in response to staff recommendation

What do I do with my comments?

There will be an opportunity to discuss the revised SMP documents at the joint meeting of the CAC and TAC on December 4th. CAC and TAC members should submit written comments using the new comment matrix available on the web portal by December 20th. Due to the number of documents included in this round of review, it is helpful if comments on separate documents are submitted on separate comment sheets. The comment matrix provides a place to identify the document being reviewed.

What happens next?

Once comments are received, the project team will update the four SMP documents as well as supporting documents and reports. We plan to distribute the Final Draft SMPs in January. The Final Draft SMPs will be reviewed by the public and Department of Ecology. Amendments will be made in response to comments received during the 60 day review period and Final SMPs will be drafted for each jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction will be responsible for local adoption of their Final SMP and transmission of the adopted SMP to Department of Ecology for final review and approval. The overall project schedule is available on the project webpage on the County's website. See Timeline for public participation at: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/smp/involvement.aspx>.