

Kittitas County Critical Areas Ordinance Update

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY AND SUMMARY OF SUBMITTED COMMENTS

For July 13, 2012 Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

TAC Members: Present: Linda Baker, Liz Ritzenthaler, Cathy Reed, Mark Teske
Absent: John Marvin, Sean Gross, Anna Lael, Jason Smith, Paul James

Chair: Robert "Doc" Hansen

Staff & Consultants: Dan Valoff, Stephanie Mifflin, Kirk Holmes
Anna Nelson, Margaret Clancy

Others: Clynda Case, Kevin Fleming

Action Items from Meeting:

Agenda Item 1. Introductions

- County and ESA to add Clynda Case, Ecology, to CAO TAC email list and web portal access for CAO meeting documents.

Agenda Item 2. Preliminary BAS Review and Considerations for Code Update: Frequently Flooded Areas

- TAC members to review and comment on preliminary BAS and potential code updates by July 20.

Agenda Item 3. Preliminary BAS Review and Considerations for Code Update: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas

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Summary:

Agenda Item 1. Introductions

Clynda C. requested that she be added to the CAO TAC email distribution list and be provided access to the web portal for TAC CAO documents.

Agenda Item 2. Preliminary BAS Review and Considerations for Code Update: Frequently Flooded Areas

Margaret C. gave an overview of the BAS review document, the process that happened to get to this point, and which items were reviewed. Margaret also reviewed and discussed the considerations for code



updates with the TAC members.

Dan V. provided an explanation of the process of permitting within a floodplain. Dan gave the example of obtaining a permit for a residential access bridge in a designated floodplain and described how many agencies are involved in the process. Dan stated the process will be very specific by the end of the update.

Margaret C. stated the SMP will regulate a portion of the floodplain permitting process and then the CAO and flood plain regulations may cover other portions. Margaret stated that during the process both public safety and restoration need to be considered, not just one over the other. Margaret gave an overview of the documentation required when submitting for a permit (pg. 19) and went over the other options for permitting in the BAS review document.

Anna N. stated that the CAO will be adopted prior to the SMP and that a joint study session with the Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission members is tentatively scheduled for August 14th.

Margaret C. discussed 8.2 of the BAS review document and went over the reasoning behind it.

Clynda C. asked if examples could be included, especially in section 8.4 Floodplain Storage.

Anna N. stated Dan is working on what considerations for code update would eventually be proposed recommendations and that technical feedback from the TAC would be appreciated.

Agenda Item 3. Preliminary BAS Review and Considerations for Code Update: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas

Margaret C. gave an overview of the BAS review document and how they arrived at this point. Margaret also reviewed and discussed the considerations for code updates with the TAC members.

There was general discussion regarding buffers and widths.

Margaret C. stated that the recommendation on the buffers and widths came from what the Department of Fish and Wildlife considers acceptable.

Mark T. stated that tables are available and that the data was hard to condense down.

Margaret C. stated that the tables are included and that the challenge comes from the wide range of buffers.

Clynda C. stated that if channel migration zones are not required to be mapped, then rules should be put into place that explain that there are buffers for potential CMZs that are not necessarily mapped.

Cathy R. stated that there are continuing references in the memo about unmaintained wetland buffers and questioned what the issue was behind that statement.

Margaret C. responded that the memo is stating what is currently in the County code.

Agenda Item 4. Next Meeting and Next Steps

Anna N. stated the next meeting will be August 10th following the 9 a.m. SMP meeting. Anna stated that comments from TAC members on the Preliminary Draft Frequently Flooded Areas and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas BAS are due by July 20th and comments on the meeting summary are due by July 27th. Anna stated that materials for the next meeting will be sent out by August 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Summary of Submitted Comments and Initial Responses

The following is a summary of written comments submitted related to the meeting agenda items. The comments shown below are excerpts from these items that include the specific comments. Also shown are the initial responses to the comments.

No.	Name	Comment	Response
# x	Name Title/Location Date of Em/Ltr	<i>Comment shown below may be a summary or an excerpt from submitted comments.</i>	<i>Response from Consultant team</i>
1	Sean Gross, TAC 7/20 email	Provided comment matrix on Frequently Flooded Areas BAS review.	Comments will be evaluated for addition to the BAS review.
2	John Marvin, TAC 7/20 email	Provided comment matrix on Frequently Flooded Areas BAS review.	Comments will be evaluated for addition to the BAS review.
3	John Marvin, TAC 7/20 email	Provided comment matrix on Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas BAS review.	Comments will be evaluated for addition to the BAS review.
3	John Marvin, TAC 7/20 email	Recommended that updated Comprehensive Plan goals and policies be included in the review and update ASAP.	County is currently in the process of more clearly identifying the tasks, process and schedule for remainder of the process. Update will be provided at August 10 TAC meeting
4	Sean Gross, TAC 7/26 email	Provided comment matrix on Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas BAS review and various BAS references.	Comments will be evaluated for addition to the BAS review.