

**Everett Shoreline Master Program Amendment
Comment Summary and City Responses
May 3, 2016**

Comment # & Topic	Commenter	Specific Comment	City of Everett Response
1. Port of Everett expansion plans	Rob Younger Laurel Drive Everett, WA	Asked Ecology to not approve the plan to change the designation of the Pigeon Creek Beach and Tidelands area to allow for deep-water port renovations. This shoreline is a valued public access point and important to marine wildlife.	This is a nonproject action and will not directly result in development or impacts to the Port of Everett South Terminal area. Additional SEPA environmental reviews will be required to address impacts of any specific projects proposed in the future. The Port of Everett as the property owner is on record stating they recognize the value of the existing public access viewpoint at the end of the Pigeon Creek Trail and adjacent shoreline. The Port is not proposing any restrictions to these public access features.
2. Evaluation of Port of Everett expansion plans	Rob Younger	Any expansion by the Port should be subject to substantial environmental review and economic benefit analysis. Each of these options has been inadequately evaluated to this point.	The proposed SMP amendment involves correction and clarification of shoreline designation boundaries to bring the text descriptions and the corresponding maps into alignment. This nonproject action has been evaluated in an Environmental Checklist and SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (COMP 14-002) issued by the City of Everett on October 31, 2014.
3. Port of Everett expansion plans	Barbara McPherson Laurel Drive Everett, WA	Supports Rob Younger's comments.	Please see responses to Rob Younger's comments 1 and 2.
4. Port of Everett expansion plans	Marie-France Hamilton Tulalip Ave Everett, WA	Same comments as Rob Younger.	Please see responses to Rob Younger's comments 1 and 2.
5. Expansion of deep water port environment designation boundary	Bob Jackson 33rd Street Everett, WA	Concerned with extension of deep water port environment designation boundary into aquatic conservancy environment.	This proposed SMP amendment will correct an error in the text on page 4-36 referencing SEWIP 2000 Assessment Unit 7.04 and the Nearshore to exclude the Deep Water Port designated area.

<p>6. Maintain Pigeon Creek beach public access.</p>	<p>Bob Jackson</p>	<p>Public should be able to continue to access the beach area that is being re-designated deep-water port. This area is very shallow water.</p>	<p>There will be no change to shoreline public access as part of this SMP amendment. The public will continue to be able to access and walk along the beach area and utilize the picnic tables. The public beach will continue to be accessible via the paved pathway from the north adjacent to the railroad tracks and from the water with a kayak or canoe.</p>
<p>7. Maintain Pigeon Creek beach public access.</p>	<p>Bob Jackson</p>	<p>Would like clarification from Port of Everett that it will maintain public beach access on the south end of South terminal facility under Port redevelopment plans.</p>	<p>The Port of Everett stated on the SEPA Environmental Checklist the following: "The proposal will protect the public access beach south of the South Terminal by ensuring that the SMP designation, as well as the Comprehensive Plan designation and zoning are Open Space." (pg. 18)</p> <p>The Port submitted the attached survey clarifying the boundaries. The fence line located on the north of the public access area separates it from the Port's South Terminal. The fence line (landward of OHWM) and the southern property boundary for tax parcel 29042500400200 (waterward of the OHWM) depict the line with Urban Deep Water Port environment designation to the north and Aquatic Conservancy (waterward of the OHWM) and Urban Conservancy (landward of the OHWM) to the south.</p>
<p>8. Maintain Pigeon Creek beach public access.</p>	<p>Bob Jackson</p>	<p>As a part of this SMP amendment process, would like assurances that public beach access will be maintained on the Port Pigeon Creek shoreline.</p>	<p>The Port of Everett stated on the SEPA Environmental Checklist that is part of the record the following: "The proposal will protect the public access beach south of the South Terminal by ensuring that the SMP designation, as well as the Comprehensive Plan designation and zoning are Open Space." (pg. 18)</p>

<p>9. Maintain Pigeon Creek beach public access.</p>	<p>Bob Jackson</p>	<p>Return proposed SMP amendment to the City of Everett for clarification on maintaining future public beach access.</p>	<p>After reviewing the record for this proposed SMP amendment and checking with the property owner--the Port of Everett--the existing public access beach will remain in its current configuration open for the public to maintain physical (ability to touch the water) as well as visual access to the shoreline as currently exists. In addition, the Port of Everett will continue to maintain the landscaping, picnic tables, etc.</p>
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