

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATING AND ADOPTING  
AMENDMENTS TO THE ISLAND COUNTY  
SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM ELEMENT OF  
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ADOPTION OF  
CHAPTER 17.05A ICC TO REPLACE CHAPTERS  
16.21 AND 17.05 ICC

RESOLUTION NO. C- 125 -12  
PLG-007-12

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington Shoreline Management Act of 1971, Chapter 90.58 RCW (Act), requires counties and cities to prepare shoreline master programs (SMPs) to prevent the uncoordinated and piecemeal development on shorelines of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 90.58.050, Island County and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) share joint authority and responsibility for the administration of the Island County SMP and when the Island County SMP is approved by the Department of Ecology, it has the authority of state law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, Ecology adopted new rules pursuant to RCW 90.58.200, which gave procedural and substantive direction to local jurisdictions for updating shoreline uses and regulations, which rules became effective January 17, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMP Guidelines (Chapter 173-26 WAC) are the standards and guidance that establish minimum standards for updating local shoreline master programs; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 90.58.080 Island County is required to review and update its existing SMP to ensure conformance with the required elements of the 2003 SMP Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, a binding agreement was entered into on July 28, 2010 between the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, and Island County, Washington to provide state funds of up to \$450,000 for the County to prepare a locally adopted comprehensive Shoreline Master Program update consistent with Shoreline Management Act Grant Agreement No. G1100007; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Island County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is Element 3, Shoreline Management Element, of the Island County Comprehensive Plan, adopted on September 29, 1998, and is comprised of Goals and Policy Statements, Shoreline Environments, General Policies, Shorelines of Statewide Significance, ICC Chapter 16.21, Shoreline Management, and ICC Chapter 17.05, the Shoreline Use Regulations, which includes Map A, Island County Aquaculture Districts, Map B, Shorelines of Statewide Significance, and Appendix C, Environment Designation Maps; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Island County SMP was adopted and approved by Ecology with an effective date of June 21, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the Island County Planning and Community Development Department prepared proposed amendments to update the Island County SMP, consisting of Shoreline Goals and

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Policies, and a Shoreline Restoration Plan, to replace the existing Shoreline Management Element in the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan (Exhibit D); and

**WHEREAS**, the Island County Planning and Community Development Department prepared a Shoreline Environment Designations Map, and an amendment to replace existing Chapters 17.05 and 16.21 ICC in their entirety with a new Chapter 17.05A ICC, to be known as the Shoreline Master Program Regulations and Procedures (Exhibit A); and

**WHEREAS**, the Island County Planning Commission held a series of public meeting workshops throughout Island County on August 14, 2012, August 16, 2012, and August 21, 2012 to review and receive public comment on the proposed amendments to update the Island County SMP and the Shoreline Master Program Regulations and Procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Island County Planning Commission then held a series of formal public hearings on September 6, 2012, September 11, 2012, and September 25, 2012 to further review and receive public comment on the proposed amendments to the Island County SMP, including the SMP Goals and Policies, the Shoreline Environment Designations Map, the Shoreline Restoration Plan, and the Shoreline Master Program Regulations and Procedures, the Planning Commission's Findings being attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, following the completion of the public hearings, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments to update the Island County SMP and the Shoreline Master Program Regulations and Procedures to the Board of Island County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, following transmittal of the Planning Commission recommendation on the Island County SMP, the Board of Island County Commissioners held public meetings in Freeland on October 9, 2012, in Coupeville on October 15, 2012, and on Camano Island on October 16, 2012 in order to solicit additional public input and comment on the SMP update; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Island County Commissioners held a series of formal public hearings on November 5, 2012, November 19, 2012, November 26, 2012, November 27, 2012, and November 29, 2012 to further review and receive public comment on the proposed amendments to the Island County SMP, including SMP Goals and Policies, Shoreline Environment Designations Map, Shoreline Restoration Plan, and Shoreline Master Program Regulations and Procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, after considering the matter at public meetings and hearings, the Board of Island County Commissioners deems a change in the recommendations of the Planning Commission necessary, and will forward an amended Shoreline Master Program for Department of Ecology approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Island County has completed public review of amendments to its Shoreline Master Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Island County Commissioners has prepared Findings of Fact regarding changes from recommendations from the Planning Commission, attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

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**WHEREAS**, Island County has completed environmental review under SEPA and filed a Growth Management Act 60-day notice of intent to adopt with the State of Washington Department of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, Island County intends to adopt by ordinance these amendments to the Island County Shoreline Master Program following review and approval by the Department of Ecology; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Island County Commissioners hereby approves the Shoreline Master Program amendments attached hereto as Exhibit A (codified regulations and procedures) and Exhibit D (Comprehensive Plan) and will enact by ordinance these amendments after they have been approved by the Department of Ecology, and adopts Board of Island County Commissioners' Findings of Fact attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County's existing Shoreline Master Program shall remain in full force and effect until amended by ordinance.

**APPROVED** this 37<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012 following public hearing.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Helen Price Johnson, Chair

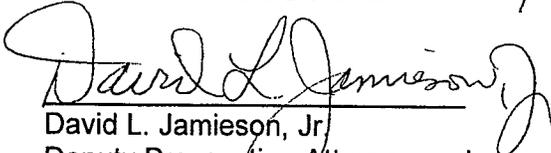
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Kelly Emerson, Member

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Angie Homola, Member

**ATTEST:**

  
Elaine Marlow  
Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** *as to pages for codification*

  
David L. Jamieson, Jr.  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and  
Island County Code Reviser

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