

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

City of McCleary Shoreline Master Program

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1 INTRODUCTION

As required by State law, the City of McCleary (City) is beginning the process of updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP). SMPs, which implement Washington State’s Shoreline Management Act (SMA) at the local level, regulate the use and development of “Shorelines of the State.” In McCleary, an unnamed waterbody partially located within the City qualifies as a Shoreline of the State (see Figure 1). Additionally, uplands in the City associated with Mox Chehalis Creek qualify as a Shoreline of the State (even though the creek itself is located outside of City limits).



Figure 1. Unnamed Shoreline of the State (at left) partially located in the City.

Under the SMA, all towns, cities and counties in Washington with Shorelines of the State must develop and adopt an SMP. While local SMPs include policies and regulations based on State laws and rules, every SMP is tailored to fit local conditions. Updating an SMP is a lengthy process: the City’s SMP update is expected to take more than two years.

This Public Participation Plan attempts to ensure active public involvement throughout the City’s SMP update. This plan identifies specific objectives, key

parties, outreach strategies, and a timeline for public participation activities. The contents of this plan may be updated during the project as needed.

2 OBJECTIVES

Listed below are the objectives of this Public Participation Plan.

In the objectives, as well as in subsequent sections of this document, the term “stakeholder” is frequently used. For the purposes of the City’s SMP update, a stakeholder is any individual or group that has an interest in the outcome of the City’s SMP process.

- **Objective 1:** Identify methods to inform potential stakeholders about the purpose, scope, process and progress of the SMP update, early and continuously.
- **Objective 2:** Identify methods to engage stakeholders to ensure that all parties who want to be involved in the SMP update are included in the process.
- **Objective 3:** Ensure that City officials, staff, and consultants can understand stakeholder concerns and can address those concerns in SMP products and decision making.
- **Objective 4:** Establish a process to produce and adopt an updated SMP that meets State guidelines and timelines, reflects local conditions, and gains the informed consent of stakeholders.

3 KEY PARTIES

This section identifies potential key parties for the SMP update.

- **Citizens.** Citizens might live, own property, conduct business or recreate along the City’s Shorelines of the State. Citizens do not necessarily need to reside in McCleary.
- **Businesses.** The SMP update may be of interest to some businesses. This Public Participation Plan seeks to reach any businesses interested in being involved. However, the City particularly intends to target any businesses

that may have shoreline issues. Businesses that may be interested in being involved in the SMP update include, but is not limited to:

- Green Diamond Resources
- Port Blakely Tree Farms
- **Interest groups.** There are numerous interest groups that may want to be involved in the SMP update. These groups include:
 - McCleary Chamber of Commerce
 - Capitol Land Trust
 - Olympia Master Builders, Grays Harbor Chapter
 - Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force
 - Chehalis River Basin Land Trust
 - Friends of Grays Harbor
 - Futurewise
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Grays Harbor Association of Realtors
 - Trout Unlimited Grays Harbor
 - Grays Harbor Audubon Society
 - Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce
 - Grays Harbor Tourism
 - Grays Harbor Conservation District
 - Wild Fish Conservancy
- **Governmental entities.** Local, State, federal, and tribal governments have significant and wide-ranging interests in shoreline management. They are often property owners and/or have a permitting interest. Governmental entities that may have an interest in the City of McCleary SMP update include:

Local Government

- Chehalis Basin Lead Entity
- Chehalis Basin Partnership
- Grays Harbor County
- Grays Harbor Council of Governments
- Grays Harbor Public Utility District
- Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership

State Government

- Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Transportation
- State Parks and Recreation Commission

Federal Government

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

Tribal Government

- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Quinault Indian Nation
- Squaxin Island Tribe

4 OUTREACH STRATEGIES

To accomplish the objectives of this Public Participation Plan set forth above in Section 2, the outreach strategies listed below are proposed.

- **Project webpages.** The City will develop and maintain webpages for the SMP update that can be accessed from the City's main website (<http://www.cityofmccleary.com/>). The webpages will allow stakeholders to access key information related to the SMP update and provide comments to the City.
- **Informational materials.** The City will post informational materials about the project at locations in the City where such materials are typically posted, including City Hall.
- **Mail.** The City will use mail as needed to engage the public. At least one mailing to shoreline property owners is anticipated.
- **Newspaper.** The City will place ads in The Vidette at strategic times.
- **Interested parties email list.** The City will send periodic emails to interested parties regarding the status of the SMP update. Any party may request to be on the interested parties email list.
- **Public open houses.** The SMP update will include two public open houses. One public open house will be held to conduct a community visioning

process for the City’s shorelines. A second open house will be held after the completion of the draft SMP.

- **Public meetings.** The public is welcome to attend public meetings (e.g. Planning Commission, City Council) connected to the SMP update and provide feedback according to local meeting protocols.

5 TIMELINE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For each outreach strategy identified above in Section 4, Table 1 below identifies the anticipated timeline.

Table 1. Anticipated timeline for public participation by outreach activity.

Outreach Activity	Anticipated Timeline
Project webpages	Ongoing throughout project
Informational materials	Throughout project at key points
Mail	At least one mailing to shoreline property owners is anticipated to occur prior to the community visioning public open house expected to occur in Fall 2014
Newspaper	Throughout project at key points
Interested parties email list	Throughout project at key points
Public open houses	Fall 2014 - Community visioning
	Spring 2015 - Draft SMP
Public meetings	Winter/Spring 2015 & Winter 2016 - SMP development
	Winter/Spring 2016 - Local adoption