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## 7 INFORMATION SOURCES, ASSUMPTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS

This document is based on the best information available to the City at the time this document was produced. This information was obtained from a variety of sources and was collected and prepared for a variety of different purposes. The information was collected during a long time period; however, a substantial effort was made to use the most accurate and current information available.

Existing data, reports, and information used for the shoreline inventory are shown in the reference section. Generally, the documents used include the City's Comprehensive Plan and municipal code, USFWS wetland inventories and datasets, and WDFW subbasin and habitat conservation plans, historical references, and scientific literature on ecological functions. GIS data illustrated in the map folio includes information on hydrology, soils, topography, vegetation, land cover, priority habitat and species concentrations, and other features.

This report relied largely on GIS data and remotely sensed imagery. Integrating various GIS layers together into map folio projects often resulted in polygon boundary discrepancies. Rectification of these discrepancies was only conducted for layers and geographic locations most relevant to the SMP update. For example boundaries for zoning or land use designations do not always match identified OHWM. The identified shoreline jurisdiction areas are only an approximation for purposes of updating the SMP. Precise OHWM delineation and associated shoreline jurisdiction boundaries will be determined on a project-by-project basis, based on site-specific analysis during the development application and review process for project-specific proposals.