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On behalf of Everett Shorelines Coalition, here are two brief comments, regarding
a) the proposed amendments, and
b) the Public Involvement process

1) Proposed Changes, other than geoduck-related provisions

These updates offer useful clarifications, and reconciliation of overlapping requirments per state Regulatory and Rules codes: directly for local government in terms of time and effort and expense for SMP preparation, and also for SMP reviewers and eventual end users. We support their adoption.

2) Open House and Public Hearing

This particular set of proposed amendments appears to have been the sort of circumstance anticipated in RCW 90.58.060 (2) (b), which allows DOE the discretion to adjust the number and location of public Open House presentations with public input opportunities, when proposed changes involve little direct public impact, or geographically narrow applicability, such that hearings statewide are unlikely to draw a significantly broader sample of public recommendations or concerns than a smaller number of public input venues. The Sept. 13th Open House/Public Hearing in the Everett area, which is not geographically influenced by any prospects of potential geoduck culture/harvest, would appear to have been a candidate for omission from the public input calendar for this round of amendments. As the sole "public" attendee at the Open House, I had no significant information or recommendations to offer worth the investment of time, energy and expense by the Department.

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