

Future

SMP Planner Coordination Meetings

How can they be
improved?



Purpose of Meetings



“Shoreline
Management Act is
intended to be a
cooperative program
of
shoreline management
between local
government and the
state.”

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Purpose of Meetings



- Assist you in meeting legal obligation to update SMP
 - New requirements and guidance to you and get your input
 - Networking with state and federal agencies – new requirements, resources and assistance
 - Networking with others – overcome obstacles and hurdles

Meeting History



2006 – Started in Seattle

2008 to 2011 – Tukwila

- Early rounds, Puget Sound

2012 – Tumwater

- New grantees in Southwest WA

Who's invited?



- Invite list: 480+
 - Local government staff
 - Consultants
 - State agency staff working closely with local governments
 - Other interested parties

Challenges to meet needs



- Jurisdictions in all stages of their SMP updates
- Scale and complexity of issues
- Long way to travel for some
- Getting input from attendees on agenda
- Wide range of knowledge and experience among attendees
- Open attendance – ever-changing audience

Meeting attendance declining

Tukwila 50-100

Tumwater 30-80



What's changed?

- North Puget Sound jurisdictions find it a long ways to come
- Approximately twice as many SMPs completed (88)

Survey: Feb. 2012



Respondents

- 75% local government staff
- Over half had attended < 5 meetings

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/shorelines/smp/toolbox/docs/smp_survey_41812.pdf

Google: Ecology SMP meeting survey

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Favored:

- Quarterly, one-day meetings
- Presentations directly relevant to comprehensive update requirements
- Peer-to-peer learning among local governments
- Opportunities for small group discussions
- Top topics: NNL, shoreline buffers, lessons learned from adopted SMPs

Response to Survey



- Retained quarterly, one-day meetings
- Emphasized local government experience (1/3 of presentations)
- Covered no net loss (3), buffers (1)
- Directly relevant presentations (critical areas, design standards, channel migration, communications/public process, etc.)*

Challenges remain



- Jurisdictions in different stages of their SMP updates, distances, knowledge/experience, etc.
- Scale and complexity of issues
 - Multi-agency (Lewis, Cowlitz) vs. single-agency efforts
 - Cities vs. counties
 - Coastal vs. inland – marine vs. non-marine shorelines

Proposal for Your Feedback

- Change to 2/year meetings (Spring, Fall)
- Change venue to Chehalis
- Continue focus on “lessons learned” from local governments; peer-to-peer networking
- Increase focus on directly related topics
- Provide lunch?



Potential elements



- Roundtable
- Presentation for everyone as needed (e.g. grants, RCW/WAC changes)
- Breakout session(s) based on:
 - Different locations (coastal, inland)
 - Size of jurisdiction (town and city, county)
 - Phase or task in update process
- Field trip

Feedback? Ideas?



- Rotate locations?
- Have sub-regional meetings (coastal jurisdictions, inland jurisdictions)?
- Others ideas?

