



# **Snohomish County**

## **Shoreline Management Program**

**2004 - 2012**

July 26, 2012

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY**



Department of Planning and Development Services

## Snohomish County's SMP Process:

- Original adoption in 1974, last updated in 1993
- Snohomish County was an “early adopter” with original deadline December, 2005
- One year extension allowed to December, 2006
- Ecology sent a letter citing their obligation to adopt an SMP on our behalf
- We started in 2004 and finished in 2012.



*Camano Head*

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  - data checklist
- Shoreline Advisory Committee, 2004-2006
- CIA, DEIS and FEIS done by consultants in mid-2006
- Restoration Element, 2006
- Planning Commission, summer 2006
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*Stillaguamish River*

## Data Checklist:

Describes all of the data sets used to compile the shoreline inventory:

- data source
- data contents
- geographic extent
- gaps and limitations
- ecological function
- GIS file name
- Map where data is used

WAC Requirement 173-26-201 ( C )	Data Set	Layer Name	Area	Map No	Data Gap
(i) Shoreline and adjacent existing land use patterns	Existing Land Use	<a href="#">Land Use</a>	Snohomish County	9	
	Future Land Use	<a href="#">flum</a>	Snohomish County	6	
Extent of existing structures	Bulk heads	<a href="#">Armoring_In</a>	Marine shoreline	Grid	Armoring not inventoried for lakes in shoreline jurisdiction
		<a href="#">Levees</a>	Rivers	Grid	Armoring not inventoried for all river and streams in shoreline jurisdiction
	Piers and docks	<a href="#">dock</a>	Snohomish County lakes >20 acres	Grid	
		<a href="#">pier_doc_In</a>	Marine shoreline	Grid	
	Boat Launches	<a href="#">boatlaunch</a>	Statewide	Grid	
		<a href="#">launches</a>	Statewide	Grid	
		<a href="#">ramp_lau_pt</a>	Marine shoreline	Grid	
	Pipes, outlets	<a href="#">pipe_pt</a>	Marine Shoreline	Grid	

[ftp://ftp.snoco.org/Planning\\_and\\_Development\\_Services/ShorelineDocsforCities](ftp://ftp.snoco.org/Planning_and_Development_Services/ShorelineDocsforCities)

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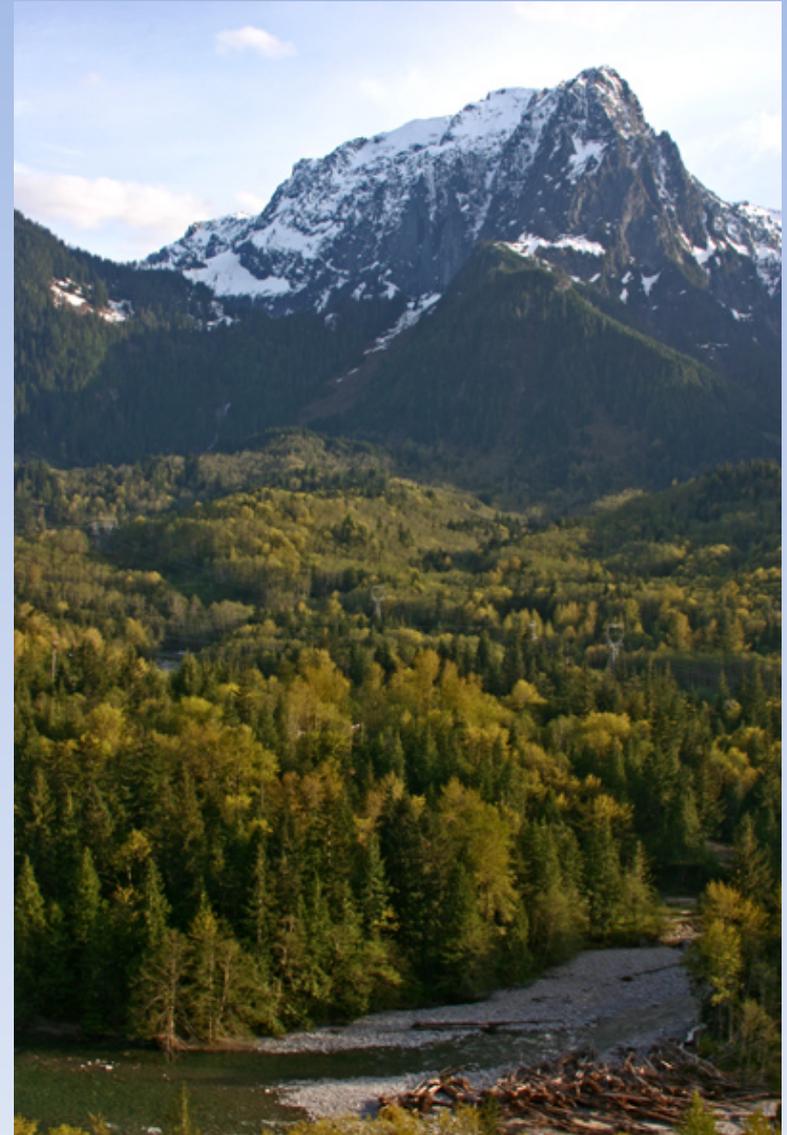
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## Snohomish County's SMP Process (2007-2010):

- Update to WAC 173-18 and 173-20, Feb. 2007
- Adopted critical area regulations, Aug. 2007
- Updates to Shoreline inventory and characterization, shoreline environment maps
- Major re-structure of shoreline regulations – no more integration
- CIA, Supplemental EIS documents re-done
- Restoration Element re-written
- Economic factors caused workforce reduction in the Planning Dept. from 262 to 103 employees



*Mt. Index, Skykomish River*

# Snohomish County's SMP Process (2010-2012):

- Issue supplemental SEPA documents
- Planning Commission public hearings
- County Council public hearings – SMP adopted October 13, 2010
- Transmittal to Ecology – December, 2010
- Ecology conducted a public hearing, compiled comments – May, 2011
- Ecology sent conditional approval letter February 28, 2012
- Final Council action on June 6, 2012
- Final approval by Ecology, July 13, 2012



*Lake Shoecraft and Lake Goodwin*



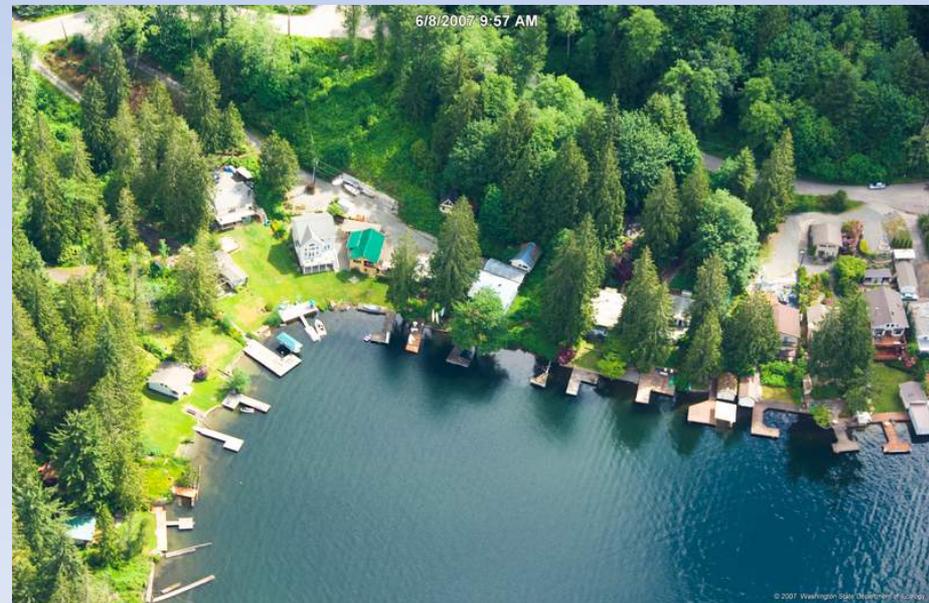
*Marina, Hat Island*

## Hot Topics:

- Critical Area Regulations and “No Net Loss”
- CMZs
- Tracking of SSDP-exempt development activity
- Floodplain vs. Floodway plus 200’
- Non-conforming SFR standards
- Agriculture definitions, SSDP exemptions and composting
- Bulkheads and bank stabilization
- Dock standards
- Shellfish aquaculture and critical saltwater habitats
- Tulalip Indian Reservation tidelands
- AM Radio Towers



*Warm Beach*

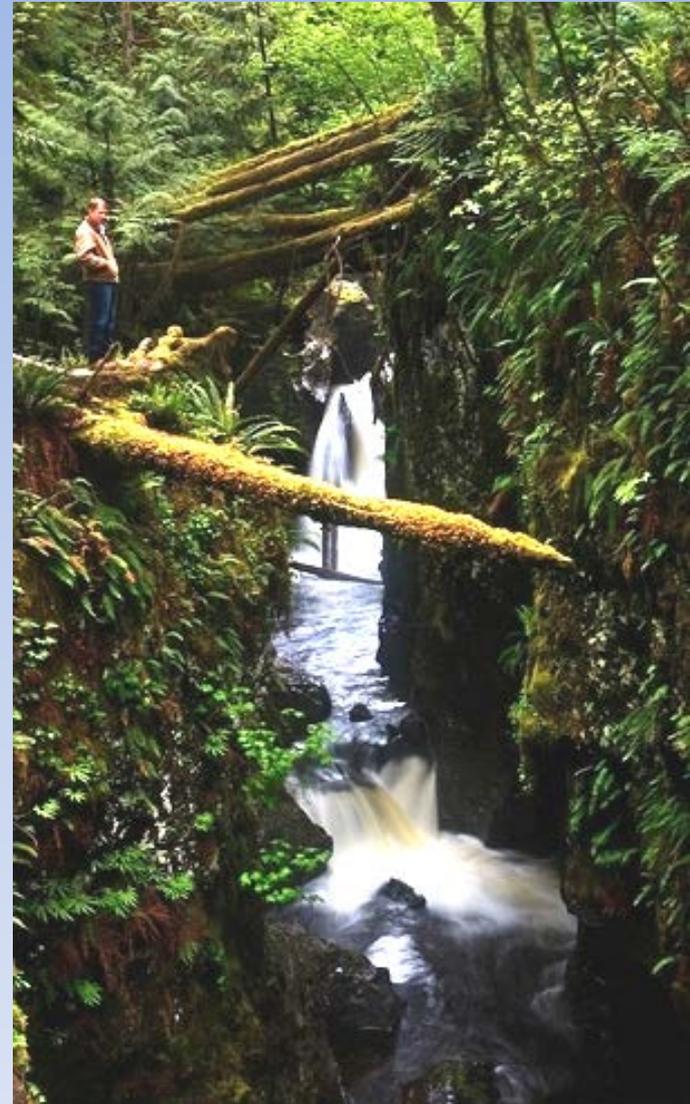


*Lake Roesiger*



## Hurdles:

- Major update to the guidelines – unclear expectations at both the County and Ecology
- Additional major WAC update in the middle of the process affecting geographic extent of SMA jurisdiction
- Loss of entire original SMP staff team by the end of 2006
- Economic downturn and staffing reductions
- Last minute participation by key stakeholders



*Youngs Creek*

## Lessons Learned:

- Don't volunteer to go first after a major legislative update
- Early in the process have a clear expectation and vision of the end product that is shared by all parties
- Communication with Ecology, consultants, your management and elected officials – manage expectations early and often
- Understand your data – what it means and what it doesn't, limitations, gaps
- Recommend using a stakeholder advisory committee
- Keep the project moving – the annual legislative updates can be very disruptive



*Deadman Slough, Everett Herald*



*Lake Cassidy*



*Tulalip Bay*