

Opportunities to Improve Protection

Agenda Item for April 21st Shoreline Planners Meeting

Dear Shoreline Planners,

Department of Ecology has provided us (Margaret Clancy, Carol MacIlroy and Jim Kramer) time at your meeting on April 21st to present and discuss the findings from our recent survey and white paper on opportunities to improve shoreline protection through the Shoreline Master Program update process.

We are planning an interactive session with participants to:

1. Test importance and relevancy of identified issues to cities and counties currently involved in SMP planning.
2. Further clarify and define issues and what is necessary to advance the issue.
3. Collectively problem-solve and share expertise.

The white paper and related questionnaire were developed with funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and guidance and support from the Department of Ecology Shoreland Section (Ecology) and local government staff and officials. The purpose of the paper and the related questionnaire is to solicit feedback from various parties involved with shoreline management in Puget Sound at the local, state, tribal, public and private levels. The paper and the questionnaire stimulated property owners, planners, elected officials, consultants and scientists to point out the most important areas for improvement and where they have an interest in helping Ecology and others develop solutions. The paper will be revised with the responses from the questionnaire and comments received and sent to you before the April 21st meeting.

Below is a short description of the working session we are planning. Please feel free to contact us with your comments, questions and suggestions.

Thank you,

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Workshop Design

- Project Background/Findings, Issue Descriptions and Discussion Instructions (20 minutes)
- Issue selection and movement to work groups (10 minutes)
- Small Group Working Sessions: Clarify/define the issue and what support, resources, guidance or steps are necessary to advance the issue. (70 minutes)
- Reconvene (5 minutes)
- Synthesis and Discussion (50 minutes)

Preliminary List of Issues for the Working Sessions (These will be modified in our final paper. We invite you to suggest other issues for small group discussion that are critical to your success.)

1. Overarching Ecological and Land Use Issues
 - a. No Net Loss
 - b. Protection of Private Property and Shoreline Armoring
 - c. Restoration
 - d. Nonconforming uses and structures
 - e. Agriculture and forestry exemption

2. Update Process Challenges
 - a. Solutions to common technical challenges
 - b. Public involvement
 - c. Ecology support, review and approval
 - d. Tailored needs for small cities and towns

3. Implementation
 - a. Staff resources for implementation
 - b. No net loss at the parcel level
 - c. Technical assistance and incentives
 - d. Enforcement