Agenda

A. General overview of the SMA & SMP, the SMP update process, and how you can get involved

B. Open Q&A session

C. Your favorite/least favorite places along Pacific County shorelines
Shoreline Management Act Concepts

1. Purpose
2. Where the SMA applies
3. Preferred uses
4. Balance of authority
5. Shorelines of statewide significance
1. Purpose of the Shoreline Management Act (SMA)

- Passed in 1971

- Purpose was to
  - Promote preferred uses along shorelines of the state
  - Protect shoreline natural resources
  - Promote public access

SMA Chapter 90.58 RCW
2. Where the SMA applies

Shorelines of the state

- All marine waters (3 miles offshore)
- Streams & rivers with mean annual flow of 20 cfs or greater
- Lakes 20 acres or larger
- Upland areas 200’ from OHWM and associated wetlands
- FEMA floodway & 200’ upland of the floodway when in the 100 year floodplain
2. Where the SMA applies

Please note:
SMP jurisdiction is not a buffer!
3. Preferred uses

1. Areas for protecting & restoring shoreline ecological functions

2. Water-dependent & associated water-related uses

3. Mixed use developments that include & support water-dependent uses

4. Water-related & water-enjoyment uses

5. Single-family residences where appropriate
3. Preferred uses

Water-dependent
Water-related
Water-enjoyment

Water-oriented uses

While single-family residences are a preferred use, they are not a water-oriented use
3. Preferred uses

The SMA does **not**: 

- Apply retroactively to existing development or require modifications to existing land uses or development

The SMA **does** apply to:

- New and expanded future development and activities along shorelines of the state
4. SMA Balance of authority

- City responsible for regulating shoreline development & use – Shoreline Master Program (SMP)

- WDOE authority to review Shoreline Master Programs and certain types of permits

Statewide and local interests
5. **Shorelines of statewide significance**

- Shorelines managed in the interest of all people in the state
- Includes Pacific Coast, Willapa Bay, and sections of the Willapa & North River, plus their associated wetlands
5. Shorelines of statewide significance

- Special planning considerations for these shorelines - priority
  - Recognize & protect the statewide interest over local interest
  - Preserve the natural character of the shoreline
  - Result in long term over short term benefit
  - Protect the resources & ecology of the shoreline

...and...
5. Shorelines of statewide significance

- Special planning considerations for these shorelines (continued)
  - Increase public access to publicly owned areas of the shorelines
  - Increase recreational opportunities for the public in the shorelines
Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Basics

1. What is a SMP?
2. Why we need to update SMP
3. What is in a SMP?
4. How we will update the SMP?
1. What is aSMP?

- Tool for locally implementing the SMA given our unique geography, economic, & environmental needs
- Comprehensive plan & development regulations for shorelines rolled into 1
- Contains goals, policies, regulations
- Provides specific environment designations to reaches
- Consistent with comprehensive plan & development regulations
2. Why we need to update the SMP

- Periodic updates now required under SMA
- SMP updates required to meet new Guidelines – WAC 173-26
- Pacific County required to start in July 2013 and complete by June 2016
- WDOE provides grant funds
2. Why we need to update the SMP

- Standout changes within Guidelines:
  - Emphasizes the use of existing scientific & technical information about shorelines – SIAC Report
  - No net loss requirement
  - Cumulative impacts analysis
  - Voluntary restoration strategy
3. What’s in a SMP?

a) Shoreline elements – goals addressed throughout the SMP

- Economic development
- Public access
- Circulation
- Shoreline use
- Conservation
- Historic, cultural, scientific, & educational
- Flood damage prevention
3. What’s in a SMP?

b) General policies & regulations regardless of environment designation

- Archeological & historic resources
- Critical areas
- Flood hazards
- Public access
- Vegetation Conservation
- Water quality, storm water & nonpoint pollution
3. What’s in a SMP?

c) Policies & regulations regarding shoreline modifications

- Shoreline stabilization
- Piers & docks
- Fills
- Breakwaters, jetties, groins & weirs
- Beach & dune management
- Dredging & dredge material disposal
- Shoreline habitat & natural systems enhancement projects
3. What’s in a SMP?

d) Policies & regulations regarding shoreline uses

- Agriculture
- Aquaculture
- Boating facilities
- Commercial development
- Forest practices
- Industry

...and...
3. What’s in a SMP?

d) Policies & regulations regarding shoreline uses (cont.)

- In-stream structural uses
- Mining
- Recreational development
- Residential development
- Transportation & parking
- Utilities
3. What’s in a SMP?

e) Administrative provisions

f) Goals & policies for restoration

g) Definitions
4. How we will update the SMP?

1. Preliminary Shoreline Jurisdiction
   Mar ‘14

2. Shoreline Inventory, Analysis & Characterization
   July ‘14 – Nov ‘14
   Restoration Plan
   Oct‘14 – Jan‘15

3. Draft SMP
   • Vision
   • Goals
   • Policies
   • Regulations
   • Environment Designations
   June ‘15 – Nov ‘15

4. Cumulative Impacts Analysis
   Aug ’15 – Nov ’15
   No Net Loss
   Jan ’16

5. Local Adoption
   Jun ‘16

6. State Approval
   Dec ‘16
Participation Strategy

- SMA requires early and continuous participation
- Stakeholders = EVERYONE
  - Citizens
  - Businesses
  - Interest groups
  - Government
Participation by phases

- Open call for participation by all stakeholders
  - Data request
  - Review and comment on Draft

Shoreline Inventory, Analysis & Characterization
July ‘14 – Nov ’14

Restoration Plan
Oct‘14 – Jan‘15
Participation by phases

- Focus on Shoreline Planning Committee
- Open call for participation by all stakeholders
  - Public Workshops & Open House events
  - Surveys/info distribution

Draft SMP
- Vision
- Goals
- Policies
- Regulations
- Environment Designations
  
June ‘15 – Nov ‘15
Participation by phases

- Planning Commission review
  - PC meetings
  - Public hearing
  - Recommendation to Board

- Board of Commissioners
  - Board review & meetings
  - Public hearing/action
Participation by phases

- Department of Ecology
  - 30-day public comment
  - May hold public hearings
- Board of Commissioners
  - Adoption by ordinance
Participation by phases

Other ways to participate:

❖ Check out the Pacific County Planning web page at: www.co.pacific.wa.us/dcd/planning.htm

❖ Get on our email list

❖ Attend meetings, workshops, hearings