



# City of Stevenson

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**TO:** City Council  
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**SUBJECT:** Shoreline Master Program Review

### **Introduction**

This memo 1) introduces the staff draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for the City Council and 2) describes the remaining Planning Commission/Shoreline Advisory Committee process to occur before City Council action. No action is expected on this topic at this meeting.

### **Draft Shoreline Master Program**

The full staff draft SMP is attached as Attachment 1. This is presented to the council as preparation for adoption of the program at a later date and will be helpful in understanding how the program would interact with development proposals within Stevenson's Shoreline Jurisdiction. The chapters and appendices in this draft are:

- SMP Chapter 1 – Introduction & Goals
- SMP Chapter 2 – Administrative Provisions
  - Supplemented by SMC Chapter 18.08 – Shoreline Management
- SMP Chapter 3 – Shoreline Environment Designation Provisions
- SMP Chapter 4 – General Provisions for All Shoreline Uses)
  - Supplemented by SMC 18.13 – Critical Areas & Natural Resource Lands
- SMP Chapter 5 – Shoreline Use Regulations
- SMP Chapter 6 – Shoreline Modification Provisions
- SMP Chapter 7 – Definitions
- Appendix A – Shoreline Environment Designation Map
- Appendix B – Amendment Log & Ecology Approval Letters

### **Draft Shoreline Management Program**

Similar to the Zoning Code, the Shoreline Master Program applies differently depending on the area of the city where a proposal occurs. The instead of zoning "districts" the SMP uses "environment designations". Currently there are 4 environment designations proposed for the SMP: Aquatic, Natural, Shoreline Residential, and Urban. These designations are described in SMP Chapter 3 and shown on the draft Shoreline Environment Designation Map on page 88 of the SMP and attached as a separate document. This map predesignates areas outside of city limits to avoid red tape in the form of SMP discussion and amendments during future annexations.

## **Shoreline Advisory Committee Review Process**

This draft represents the first of what could be several in the drafting process:



At the January, 2018 meeting the advisory committee will identify areas of the plan that need to be addressed before a public release draft is issued and progress will be tracked using the 3<sup>rd</sup> attachment as guidance. The group will then use the next 2 to 3 meetings to incorporate changes as desired by the public, agency partners and advisory committee members. The recommended draft will then be forwarded to City Council for review and approval.

### **Next Steps**

Early 2018 will also see the drafting of the Shoreline Restoration Plan, which identifies opportunities where shoreline ecological functions can be improved (the no net-loss standard of the attached document only addresses degradation of ecological functions) and the No Net-Loss Report SEPA threshold determination which assess whether the City's full suite of shoreline planning documents would lead to a loss of shoreline ecological functions or impact the environment. The program will be brought back to the City Council at the conclusion of those efforts.

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### **Attachments:**

- 1- Late December Draft SMP
- 2- Draft Shoreline Environment Designation Map
- 3- Shoreline Master Program Draft Review Process