



Shoreline Master Program

Comprehensive Update Periodic Review

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Introductions

- ▶ Kurt Danison, Planner, Highlands Associates



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Presentation goals

- ▶ Provide overviews of:
 - ▶ Shoreline Management Act
 - ▶ Comprehensive update process
 - ▶ Periodic review process
- ▶ Discuss why public participation is necessary and important
- ▶ Answer your questions



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Shoreline Management Act (SMA)

- ▶ The SMA is a state law (RCW 90.58)
- ▶ Provides a framework for managing, accessing, and protecting shorelines.
 - ▶ **Goal: prevent the inherent harm from uncoordinated and piecemeal development of shorelines.**
- ▶ Reflects the strong interest of the community for recreation, protection of natural areas, aesthetics, and commerce on Washington's shorelines and waterways.
- ▶ Is a cooperative program between the Town of Winthrop and the Department of Ecology (Ecology).



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Where SMA Applies

- ▶ The SMA applies to:
 - ▶ Marine waters
 - ▶ Rivers and streams over 20 cubic feet per second mean annual flow
 - ▶ Methow River
 - ▶ Chewuch River
 - ▶ Lakes and reservoirs 20 acres and greater
 - ▶ Adjacent areas, typically within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)
 - ▶ Wetlands



Shoreline Master Program (SMP)



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- ▶ SMP is:
 - ▶ A planning and regulatory document
 - ▶ Prepared by local government
 - ▶ Subject to laws (RCW 90.58)
 - ▶ Subject to rules (WAC 173-26)
- ▶ SMP contains local policies and regulations

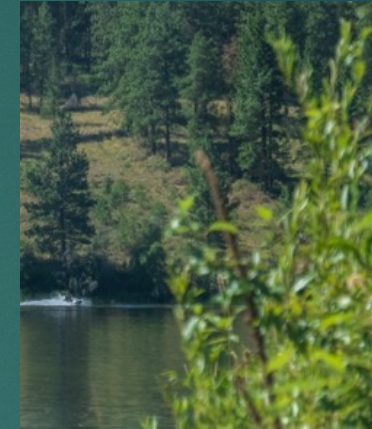
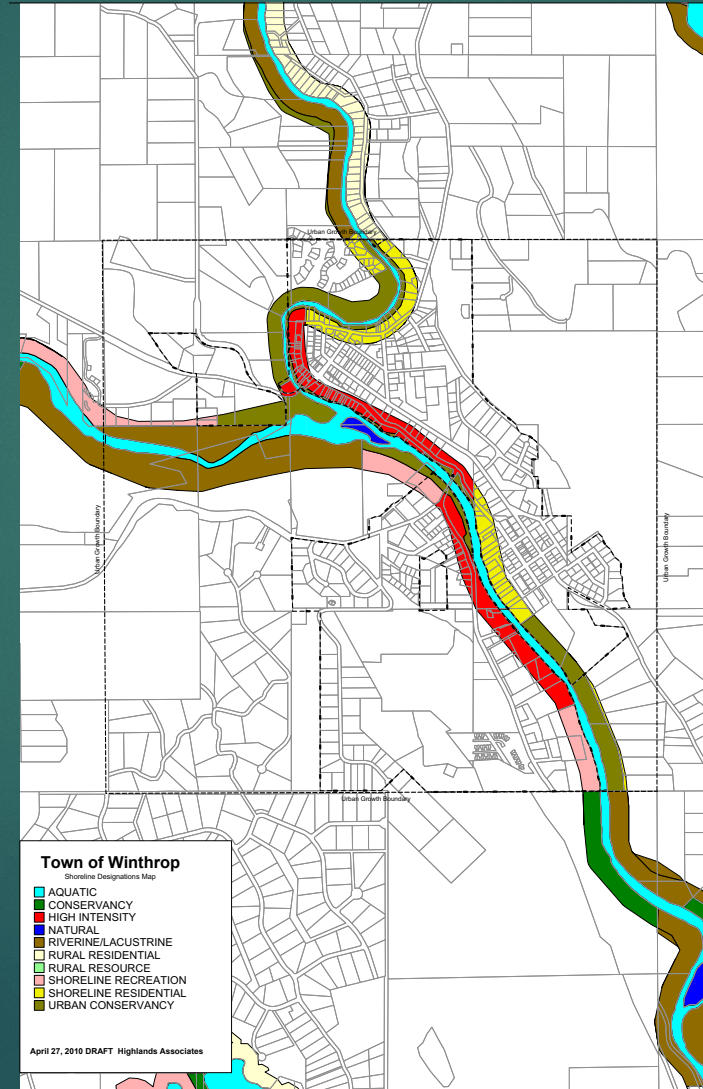
SMP (CONTINUED)

- ▶ Winthrop
 - ▶ Initiates and plans SMP
 - ▶ Administers and enforces the SMP
- ▶ Ecology
 - ▶ Provides grant funds for SMP updates
 - ▶ Must approve SMP
 - ▶ Reviews and approves conditional use permits and variances

Preferred Uses OF SHORELINES

▶ The preferred uses of the shoreline, in preference order are:

- ▶ Protect and restore
- ▶ Water dependent and water related uses
- ▶ Mixed use developments
- ▶ Water related and water enjoyment uses
 - ▶ Public Access
- ▶ Single family residential uses



COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE

- ▶ A comprehensive update is generally a multi year planning process with 6 phases (P1-P6):
 - ▶ P1 - Public participation plan
 - ▶ P2 - Inventory
 - ▶ P3 - Designations, policy & regulations, cumulative impacts
 - ▶ P4 - Restoration plan
 - ▶ P5 - Local approval
 - ▶ P6 - State approval

SMP Comprehensive Update Timelines and Process	Tasks
<p>PROJECT OVERVIEW AND INITIATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION July – September 2022</p> <p>September 2022 PC meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review public participation plan ▪ Announce launch of website and survey ▪ Engage with public and stakeholders
<p>COMPREHENSIVE AND PERIODIC REVIEW CHECKLISTS September - November 2022</p> <p>October and November 2022 PC Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SMP Update PowerPoint ▪ Review comprehensive and periodic update checklists ▪ Engage with public and stakeholders
<p>DRAFT UPDATED MASTER PROGRAM December 2022 – January 2023</p> <p>January 2023 PC Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete draft SMP ▪ Review draft code amendments ▪ Online open house refresh with draft code amendments ▪ Initiate public review and comment period
<p>PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS January – March 2023</p> <p>March 2023 PC Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public hearing ▪ Revisit and revise based on comments ▪ Planning Commission Public Hearing ▪ Engage with public and stakeholders ▪ Recommendation to City Council
<p>COUNCIL APPROVAL April 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final draft SMP ▪ City Council Public hearing
<p>STATE APPROVAL & ADOPTION May - June 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit draft amendments and checklist to Ecology for review ▪ Revise documents as needed ▪ Approval and adoption ▪ Submit final draft and checklist to Ecology for final determination

Scoping

- ▶ Consistency review of existing SMP
- ▶ What needs to be updated?
- ▶ Shoreline issues?
 - ▶ Public access
 - ▶ Habitat loss
 - ▶ Vegetation
- ▶ Restoration needed?



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Public Participation Plan

- ▶ SMP Website
- ▶ Survey
- ▶ Community visioning



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- ▶ Your input is important to this process.
- ▶ One of the policies in the SMA is to promote public access and enjoyment opportunities.
 - ▶ Allows community to realize vision for the shorelines
 - ▶ Allows for strategic development
 - ▶ Preserves shorelines for future generations
 - ▶ Maintains and encourages public access

Survey

- ▶ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WinthropSMP>

SURVEY

Town of Winthrop

Shoreline Master Program Update

The Town of Winthrop is conducting a comprehensive and periodic update of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) as required by state law. The SMP applies to all lakes over 20 acres, and larger streams (over 20 cubic feet per second) as well as associated wetlands and uplands at least 200 feet on a horizontal plane from the Ordinary-High-Water-Mark of the shoreline. The Methow River, Chewuch River and any associated wetlands are within the jurisdiction of the SMP. This project will focus on updating policies and regulations to ensure consistency with current state law. Your input is important to this process. **Please help guide this project by providing your input to the following questions.** Skip any that do not apply to you.



1. What is your relationship to shorelines of the Methow River and Chewuch River within the Town of Winthrop? (Check all that apply)

- I recreate along shorelines (e.g. walk beaches or trails, camp near shorelines, etc.).
- I boat or fish on the water bodies.
- I have a business dependent on Winthrop shorelines.
- I own, rent or have access to, property within 200 feet of the the Methow River

Discussion



- ▶ Questions
- ▶ Comments
- ▶ Suggestions



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