

ISLAND COUNTY & DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

Island County and Washington Dept. of Ecology are accepting comments on a periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program under RCW 90.58.080(4). The County has prepared draft SMP amendments to keep the SMP current with changes in state law, changes in other county plans and regulations, and other changed local circumstances.

Public comment will be accepted from March 26, 2021 to April 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. A joint local/state public hearing is set for April 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM virtually via Starleaf at <https://meet.starleaf.com/4284870043/app>. Send comments to Island County planning staff at CompPlan@islandcountywa.gov. Comments sent to the County will be forwarded to the Dept. of Ecology.

Proposed amendments to the Island County Shoreline Master Program are available for review at <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Planning/Pages/2020SMP.aspx> and the Island County Planning Department at Annex Bldg., 1 NE 6th St., Coupeville, WA 98239.

In accordance with Governor's Proclamation 20-28 issued March 24, 2020, in-person participation at this meeting is prohibited. The Island County Planning Commission, however, will hear testimony from interested persons via telephone or computer audio. For information on how to participate in the hearing remotely, please contact Jana Raasch at j.raasch@islandcountywa.gov, or 360-678-7802. Persons who would like to participate in the hearing remotely that require auxiliary aids/services should call Island County Human Resources at 679-7919, 629-4522, Ext. 7919, or 321-5111, ext. 7919 (use whichever number is applicable for the area) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting for additional information.

In addition, the Planning Commission gives equal weight to submitted written comments and spoken testimony. Written comments may be submitted to Island County Planning and Community Development at P.O. Box 5000, Coupeville, WA, or via email CompPlan@islandcountywa.gov in advance of the hearing.