



Monthly Public Information Meeting

March 11, 2021

Goals for this meeting:

1. Provide an update on the recent work conducted by the County and upcoming steps in the process
2. Provide resources for more information
3. Provide an opportunity to ask questions of County staff



Upcoming Schedule



2021 →

● Monthly public information meetings



What's Been Happening

1. Planning Commission meetings to review draft SMP
2. Virtual monthly project updates with stakeholders / interested parties
3. County staff / Ecology meetings to gather early feedback
4. Planning for start of public comment period
 - Expected to start end of March and run for 45 days
 - Planning Commission will hold a public hearing, likely in April



PC SMP Meeting Topic Areas

1. January 26, 2021
 - Legislative updates for consistency with State law (periodic update)
 - CAO integration
2. February 9, 2021
 - General Regulations
 - Uses and Modifications
3. February 23, 2021
 - Uses and Modifications, cont.
4. March 9, 2021
 - Legally Established Pre-Existing Uses and Structures
 - Administration
 - Definitions
 - Shoreline environment designation mapping
5. March 23, 2021
 - Follow-up discussion



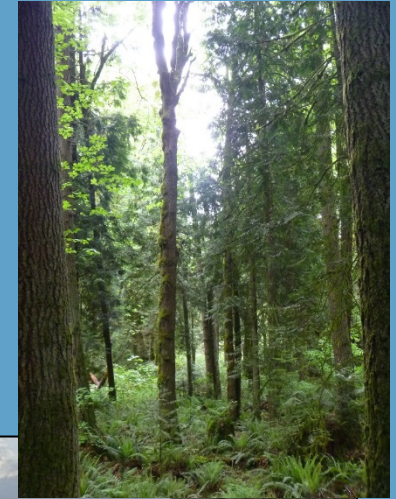
Summary of Amendments to 2016 draft

- Elements from the periodic review
 - E.g. review of exemption thresholds, definitions, WAC consistency
- Formatting adjustments to align policy sections
- Addition of hyperlinks to improve electronic use
- Addresses Planning Commission recommendations in the 2016 recorded motion
- Addresses Ecology comments to address consistency with WAC requirements
- Integration of most current CAO
- Complete listing of waterbodies to be included



Recent Planning Commission Topics

- CAO integration
- Rural Conservancy impervious surface limits
- Vegetation mitigation performance standards
- Dock dimensional standards table
 - Creating consistency for all lakes
- Shoreline stabilization
 - Clarifies risk to primary structure
- Legally Established Pre-Existing Uses and Structures
 - Expansion rules
- Shoreline environment designation mapping
 - Guemes Island
 - Judy Reservoir



Stay Involved

- Visit the SMP Online Open House

www.SkagitSMPopenhouse.com

- Attend monthly public information meetings

- Stay informed: sign up for email notifications

- Participate in the public review process

SKAGIT COUNTY SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE

Overview Frequently Asked Questions Next Steps Get More Involved

Skagit County Shoreline Master Program Online Open House

Skagit County is updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The updated SMP will represent a major overhaul of the County's existing SMP. This Online Open House will provide you with easy-to-digest information and ways to get involved, and will continue to be updated until approval of the SMP. Visit [Skagit County's official SMP website](#) to learn more.



Overview

Skagit County is in the process of completing both the **Comprehensive Update** and **Periodic Review** of its SMP.

Both the Comprehensive Update and the Periodic Review are required for compliance with the state's Shoreline Management Act.

Get More Involved

Attend monthly virtual public info meetings

The County will be hosting monthly meetings that will feature a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Each meeting will be progressive and include the latest updates, so feel free to attend more than one.

[MEETING SCHEDULE](#)

Subscribe to receive email updates

The County will be sending out emails at key points during the SMP update process. If you'd like to receive these emails, please subscribe!

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Stay Informed

- Attend monthly public information meetings
- Sign up through the Online Open House (www.SkagitSMPopenhouse.com)
 - January 21
 - February 11
 - March 11
 - April 8
- Visit the County's project website
www.skagitcounty.net/smp
- Visit the Planning Commission Meeting Archives
<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm>



Ways to provide public comment

- Visit SMP Online Open House during the public comment period

www.SkagitSMPopenhouse.com

- Email questions/comments to:

SMPPDS@co.skagit.wa.us

- Attend public hearing



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Additional information

Project website:

www.skagitcounty.net/smp

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Thanks for listening

Questions?

