Chelan County Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update

September 30, 2020

Public Workshop

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Overview

- Introductions, Agenda, and Virtual Public Workshop Process
- Shoreline Management Act (SMA) and Shoreline Master Program (SMP)
- Periodic Update Process and Schedule
- Public Input Opportunities
- SMP Next Steps

Shoreline Management Act

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.58
Ratified by the voters of Washington in 1972

What is the SMP?

SMA
RCW 90.58
To prevent harm caused by uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state's major shorelines

SMP Guidelines
Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 127-26

SMP – Carries out provisions of SMA
Must be approved by Department of Ecology (Ecology), consistent with RCW 90.58 and WAC 127-26 standards and criteria

Key Principles of the SMP

Balance

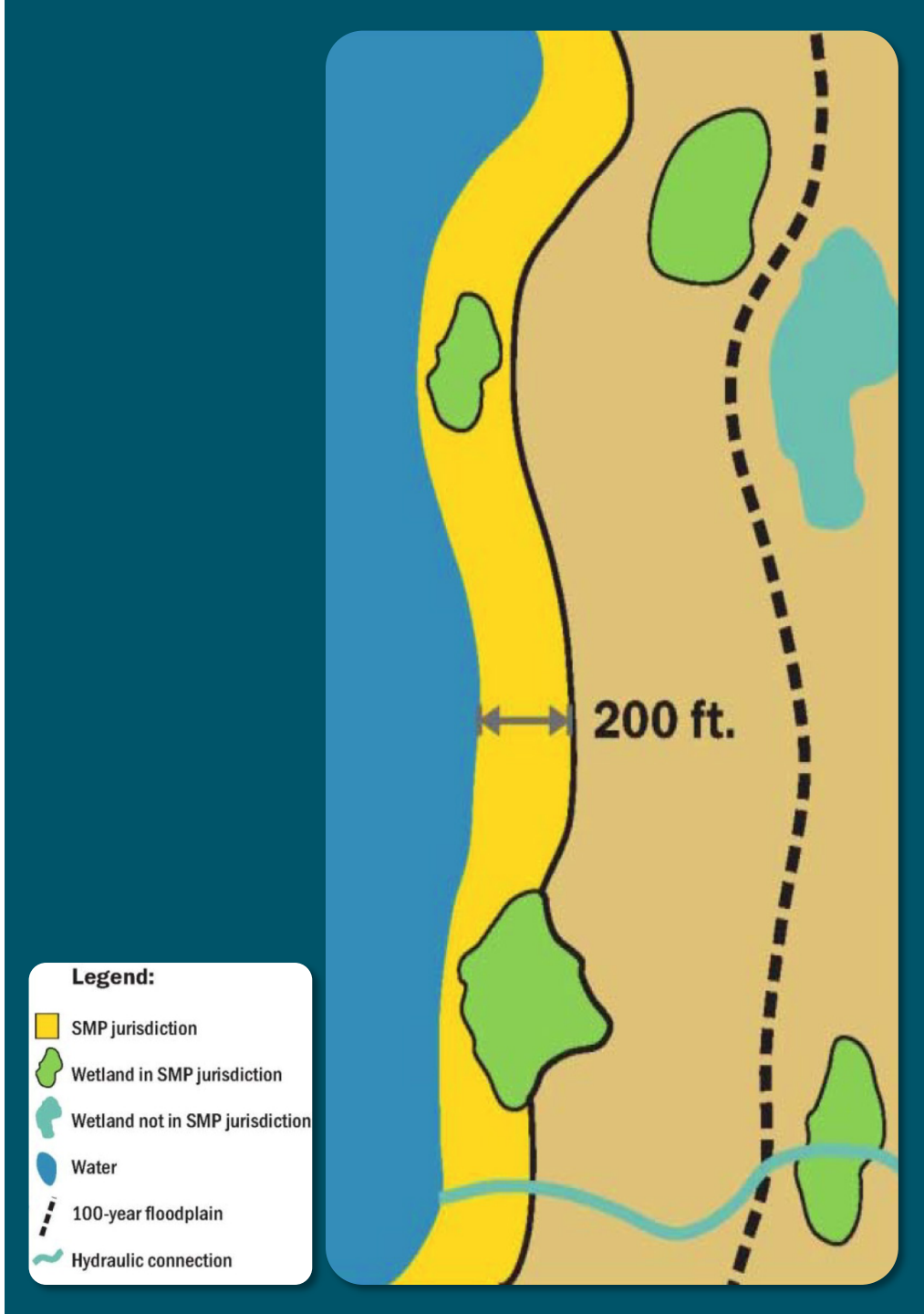
- Environmental protection
- Public access
- Water-oriented uses

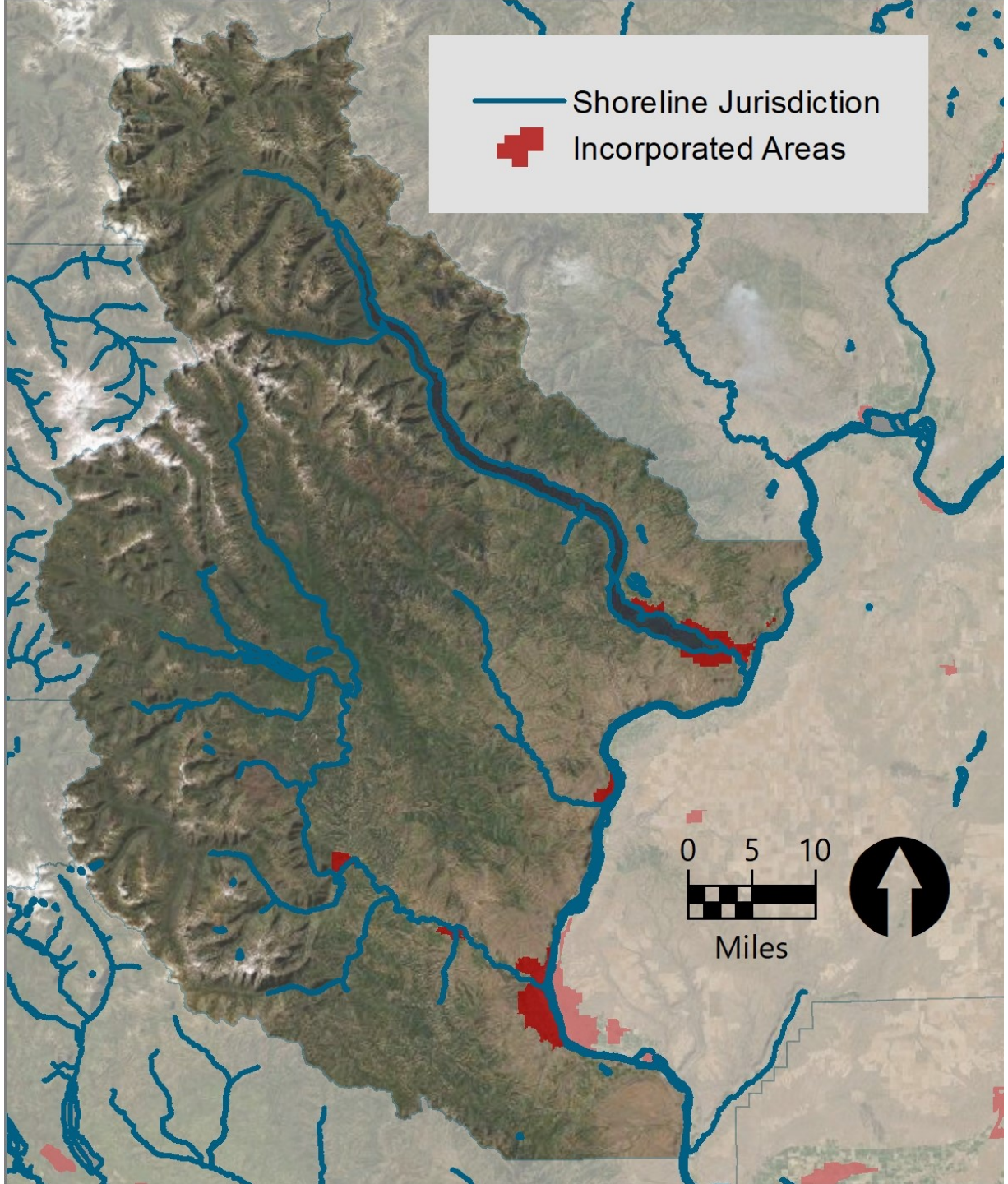
Other Considerations

- Protection of private property rights
- Consistency with local land use plans
- Both informal and formal public processes
- Existing agricultural activities are generally exempt (managed under the County's Voluntary Stewardship Program)
- Forest practices are managed under the Forest Practices Act
- Federal activity on federal land is generally exempt

Shoreline Jurisdiction

- Stream flows greater than 20 cubic feet per second
- Lakes greater than 20 acres
- Upland areas 200 feet from ordinary high water mark
- Floodways and adjacent floodplain area
- Associated wetlands




Shoreline Jurisdiction
Incorporated Areas
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Shoreline Master Program Content

- Goals and policies
  - Economic, access, uses, conservation, and others
- Regulations
  - Environment designations
  - General, use-specific, and modification regulations
  - Critical area regulations
  - Applicability and implementation (non-conforming use, enforcement)

Shoreline Master Program Key Topics

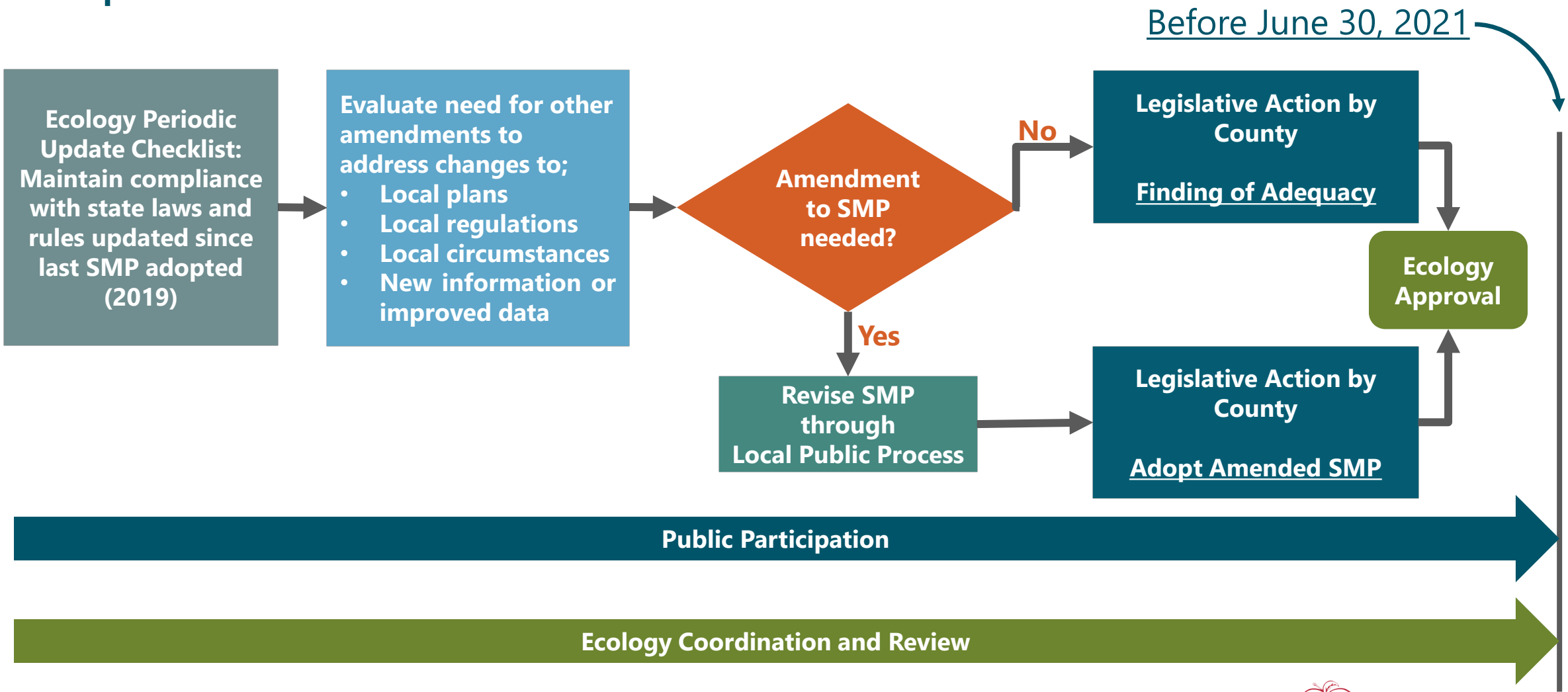
- Protecting private property rights
- Environment designations
- Vegetation management
- Buffer width modifications
- Public access

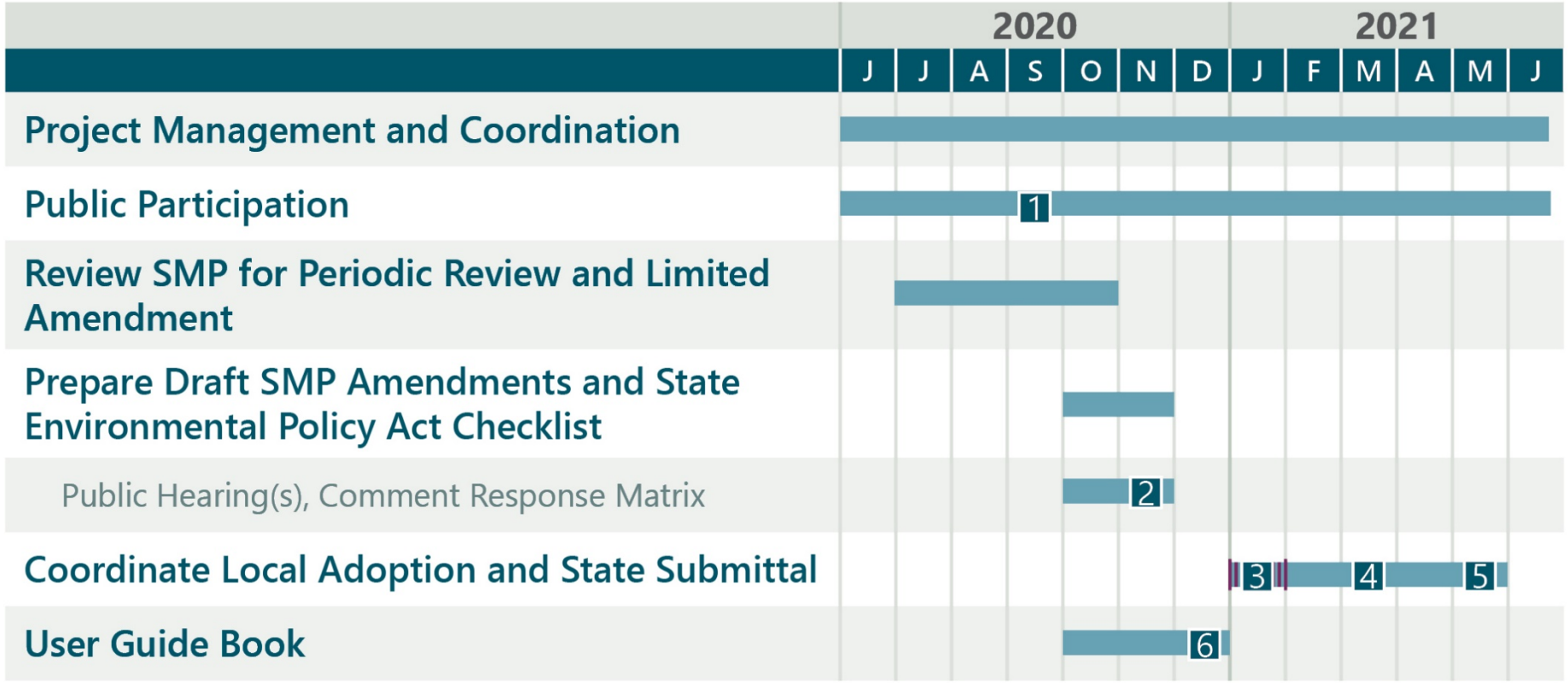
Chelan County SMP Status

- Chelan County SMP adopted and effective as of June 6, 2019
- Local governments required by RCW 90.58.80 to periodically review and, if necessary, update SMP
- Intended to assure consistency with local plans and regulations

Periodic Update Process and Schedule

Steps and Status





Notes

1 Public workshop(s)

2 Present limited amendment and GMA Consistency Review to County Planning Commission

3 Planning Commission Hearing to recommend adoption

4 Joint review by Ecology

5 Local adoption by County Commissioners

6 Present user guide with amendments and periodic update

Public Input Opportunities

Discussion Question: Does the existing Chelan County SMP strike a balance between the three basic policies of the SMA?

1. Environmental Protection

   Protect shoreline natural resources including the land, vegetation, wildlife, and aquatic habitats against adverse environmental effects.

2. Public Access

   Provisions for public access to publicly-owned areas, to include an element for preserving and enlarging recreational opportunities.

3. Shoreline Use

   Reserve the shoreline zone for "water-oriented" uses, including those that are "water-dependent," "water-related," and for "water-enjoyment." These include single-family residences, and water-dependent industrial and commercial developments as well as shoreline recreational uses and public access opportunities.

Discussion Question: Are there specific amendments to the existing Chelan County SMP that should be considered?

- Maintain the goals and policies of the SMA
- Result in no net loss of ecological function of the City's shoreline district
- Meet the requirements of state law and policies of the state administrative code (required to be approved by Ecology)

Public Review and Comment Period

- How to submit comments
  - Electronic
    - Website: https://chelancountysmp.com/contact-us
    - Email: ChelanCoSMP@anchorqea.com
  - Hard copy
    - Chelan County
      ATTN: SMP Periodic Update
      316 Washington Street, Suite 301
      Wenatchee, Washington 98801

SMP Next Steps

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- Develop SMP periodic review materials
  - Periodic review checklist
  - Growth Management Act Consistency review
    - Critical Areas
  - Draft SMP amendments (if any)
  - State Environmental Policy Act compliance
  - Review public comments
- Develop draft amendment/update
- Develop draft User Guide Book
- Begin joint review process (County and Ecology)

How to Keep Informed

- Attend upcoming meetings and workshops
- Ask questions and provide comments
- Visit the website at: https://chelancountysmp.com/

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Questions?