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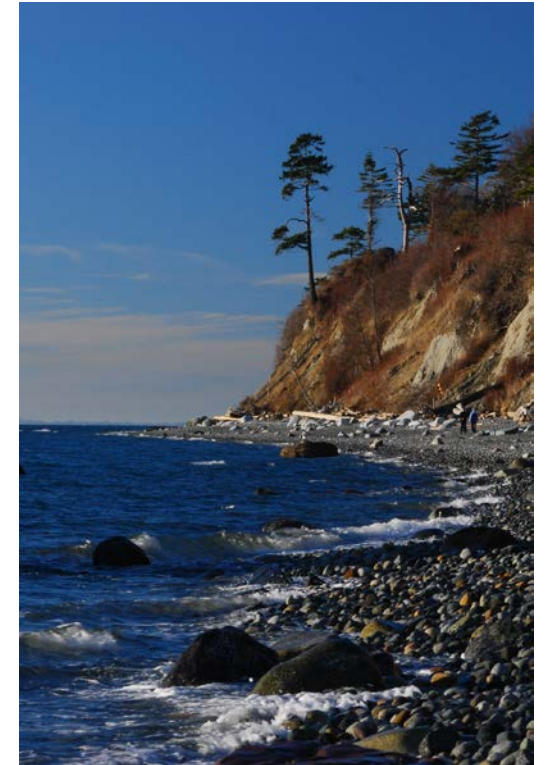
June 2019	Open houses for scoping
Summer 2019	Council approves Scope
Fall 2019	County and consultant develop draft
January 2020	Open houses to review draft
February-June 2020	Environmental review (SEPA) Public comment period Planning Commission public hearing & review County Council Public Hearing Ecology review County Council review and final action

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Shoreline Master Program Update 2020

How you can get involved in Whatcom County's Shoreline Master Program update





What is the Shoreline Master Program?

Counties and cities are required by law to have programs to protect sensitive areas along important shorelines of our State. Whatcom County's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) regulates activities in these sensitive areas.

Keeping the SMP up to date

The State of Washington requires Whatcom County to periodically update their SMP. The current update process is underway and is anticipated to conclude in June 2020.

Website

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3097/Shoreline-Master-Program-Periodic-Update>

Counties and cities with Shoreline Master Programs must update the programs on a periodic basis.

The periodic review process ensures the SMP stays current with changes in State laws, remains consistent with County plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data. However, the County is not required to re-evaluate the environmental baseline established during the previous comprehensive update.

Your input is important

Whatcom County is reaching out to local citizens for their involvement in the update. Outreach begins in June to determine what changes should be considered. Your input will be reviewed along with recommendations by County staff and requirements by the State. Proposed amendments to the SMP will be presented to the public, Planning Commission, and County Council in the Spring of 2020.

How to get involved

You can participate in several ways. First, get on the mailing list so we can keep you informed. Visit the website shown on this page and sign up to be on our mailing list. County staff will send you updates and notifications via email. You can also send comments via that website.

Participate

Please join us at our open houses to learn more about the update and to share your ideas:

Birch Bay (June 10th, 7-9pm)
*At Birch Bay Bible Church
4460 Bay Road, Birch Bay*

Deming (June 19th, 7-9pm)
*At Mount Baker High School
4936 Deming Road, Deming*

Bellingham (June 25th, 7-9pm)
*At Civic Building, Garden Room
322 N Commercial St, Bellingham*

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