



SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants: [\[help\]](#)

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. BACKGROUND [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#)

Anacortes Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review & Update

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

Anacortes Planning, Community, and Economic Development Department.

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

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4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

November 16, 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

City of Anacortes, Department of Ecology

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

Joint Ecology/local public hearing on December 9, 2020.

Joint Ecology/local public comment period November 18, 2020 – December 18, 2020.

Updates to the Anacortes Shoreline Master Program (SMP) will be completed by June 30, 2021.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action proposal. The city is updating the policies and regulations of its SMP to ensure consistency with related state and city policies and regulations. The City has used known and potential projects to measure and evaluate the administrative applicability and environmental outcome of these proposed updates to regulations.

Site-specific applications for development within shoreline jurisdiction proposed as separate project actions will be reviewed additionally for compliance with the SMP and SEPA at the time of application. Any currently proposed or conceptual projects within shoreline jurisdiction will be evaluated for environmental impacts through a biological report for FWHCA's and will be required to meet no net loss criteria.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

The Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update Ecology Checklist; Anacortes SMP Shoreline Restoration Plan addendum.

The following reports were prepared for the City's periodic update to the critical areas

regulations:

- **Best Available Science Reports for Wetlands & FWHCA's – ATSI 11/1/16**
- **Best Available Science Report for GHAs, CARAs, and FFAs (GeoEngineers, 7/26/17)**
- **Best Available Science Stream Buffer Review and Buffer Recommendations Report (GeoEngineers 10/21/19)**

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action. If there are any property-specific development applications pending they are vested to the current policies and regulations of the SMP. Any currently proposed or conceptual projects within shoreline jurisdiction will be evaluated for environmental impacts through a biological report for FWHCA's and will be required to meet no net loss criteria.

The city is in the process of updating its critical areas regulations. The updated critical areas regulations will be adopted prior to final adoption of the SMP periodic update. The updated CAO regulations will be incorporated by reference into the SMP, except that CAO regulations and procedures that are not consistent with the SMA or SMP guidelines will be excluded.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

[\[help\]](#)

The City of Anacortes City Council and the Washington State Department of Ecology must approve the changes to the SMP prior to adoption of this proposal.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [\[help\]](#)

The proposed update is a non-project action that affects activities and development along the lakes and the marine shorelines within city limits. The update includes proposed amendments to policies and regulations in the City's Shoreline Master Program that are applied citywide within the identified shoreline jurisdiction of the City of Anacortes. A summary of regulatory changes include:

- ***Updating the SMP to ensure consistency with changes in policy and regulation affecting shoreline management made by the state legislature since 2010 when the SMP was last updated. These changes are outlined in the Washington State Department of Ecology SMP Periodic Update checklist.***
- ***Updating the SMP to ensure consistency with Critical Areas Ordinance regulations to be adopted by the City that affect environmentally sensitive areas.***
- ***Adding to vegetation conservation standards within the SMP to provide clarity for applicants.***
- ***Adding limited prescriptive allowances to enclosed and above-water aquaculture activities.***
- ***Updating SMP definitions and zoning code references to reflect current regulations in-place.***
- ***Reviewing Shoreline Environment Designations for possible changes based upon land use allowances in-place.***

- **Clarifying impervious surface allowances based upon the percent slope calculation within the Conservancy and Shoreline Residential Designations.**

The proposal also includes codifying the SMP development regulations in Anacortes Municipal Code Title 19 Unified Development Code and relocating the SMP goals and policies to the Anacortes Comprehensive Plan.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [\[help\]](#)

The update to the SMP is a citywide non-project action and includes the waters and all land within 200 feet landward of the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of the Salish Sea, including Guemes Channel, Burrows Bay, Fidalgo Bay, Little Cranberry, Heart, and Whistle Lakes, in addition to a portion of both Lake Erie and Padilla Bay, plus any associated wetlands, within City limits.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

1. Earth

a. General description of the site [\[help\]](#)

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous,
other _____

N/A, this is a non-project action. The City of Anacortes is located on Fidalgo Island, the shoreline of which drops irregularly to the Salish Sea with some steep slopes.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

There is a variety of terrain located within the SMP jurisdiction, but the steepest slope is estimated in excess of 40 percent along landward portions of the Guemes Channel.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. [\[help\]](#)

Soils within the SMP jurisdiction vary but mostly include sand and gravel, clay, and peat and muck in associated wetlands.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. Geologically hazardous areas within the City include steep slopes, landslide and erosion hazards, and seismic hazards (liquefaction prone areas). These

hazard areas are concentrated along the northern portion of Anacortes near Guemes Channel and Burrows Bay near in Washington Park. Liquefaction prone areas are located in areas of modified shorelines near Skyline and the eastern part of the city along Fidalgo Bay.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which does not include any filing, excavation, or grading. Under the SMP, clearing and grading activities within shoreline jurisdiction are permitted only as part of an allowed use or an ecological restoration or enhancement plan.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which does not include any clearing or construction. Erosion control would be addressed on a project level basis through the City's stormwater design requirements, the clearing and grading code, and other provisions of the SMP.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. Development standards for impervious surface and lot coverage in the SMP and existing zoning regulations would control the amount of new impervious area allowed for each permitted shoreline use. The SMP and other city regulations directs minimization of impervious areas and the use of low impact development techniques to reduce stormwater runoff, where feasible.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. When future site-specific projects are submitted, any erosion-related impacts created during clearing and construction activities will be mitigated in compliance with the Ecology 2012 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, as amended in December 2014. This requires any erosion-related impacts created during clearing and construction activities to be addressed according to a Temporary Erosion Sedimentation Control Plan (TESC), which is a standard part of engineering review and approval.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. None of the questions in this section apply.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not result in any emissions to the air.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action and there would be no emissions or other impacts to the air, therefore, no measures are proposed.

3. Water

- a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. By definition, the SMP addresses marine shorelines, year-round streams with flows over 20 cubic feet per second (cfs), lakes equal to or more than 20 acres in size, and associated wetlands and floodplains. Marine shorelines include Guemes Channel, Burrows Bay, Fidalgo Bay, and a portion of Padilla Bay, with lakes including Little Cranberry, Heart, Whistle, and a portion of Lake Erie. While there are multiple streams located within city limits, none of them has flows that exceed 20 cfs.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. Impacts to surface water resources will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis for future construction projects. New developments would be subject to SMP where in shoreline jurisdiction.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which does not include filling or dredging surface water or wetlands.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not require surface water withdrawals or diversions.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. The 100 year flood plain is mapped for the City of Anacortes on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate maps (FIRM).

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not discharge any waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not withdraw groundwater.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not discharge any waste material into the ground from septic tanks or other sources.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which will not result in runoff.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which will not cause waste materials to enter ground or surface waters.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the shoreline jurisdiction area.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action. When future projects are submitted, any water-related impacts created during clearing and construction activities will be mitigated in compliance with the Ecology 2012 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, as amended in December 2014

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
- [\[help\]](#)

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 shrubs
 grass
 pasture
 crop or grain
 Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
 water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
 other types of vegetation

N/A, this is a non-project action. However, a variety of vegetation can be found in the shoreline jurisdiction area, including deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs, grass, herbs, wet soil plants and water plants.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?
- [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. When a specific application is submitted, the kind and amount of vegetation to be removed or altered will depend on City requirements, which would be reflected in an approved landscape plan

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
- [\[help\]](#)

NA, this is a non-project action. Various species of rare plants, listed by the Washington Natural Heritage Program, may occur in locations along the marine shoreline and within the Anacortes Community Forest Lands.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
- [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action and no landscaping is proposed to be done. The SMP includes policies and regulations related to vegetation conservation. Proposed amendments are intended to strengthen and clarify these requirements.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

NA, this is a non-project action.

5. Animals

- a.
- List
- any birds and
- other
- animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:
- [\[help\]](#)

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
 mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

N/A, this is a non-project action. A variety of birds, mammals, and fish are known to have habitat within the SMP jurisdiction.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. Bull trout, Puget Sound Chinook, Puget Sound Steelhead, Southern Resident Killer Whale, Yelloweye Rockfish, Bocaccio Rockfish and Marbled Murrelet are known to occur along the marine shoreline.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)

Anacortes is located within the Pacific Flyway migration route utilized by waterfowl migrating north into Alaska and northern Canada.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. The proposed amendments are intended to strengthen shoreline vegetation conservation regulations.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A, this is a non-project action.

6. Energy and natural resources

N/A this is a non-project proposal. None of the questions in this section apply.

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [\[help\]](#)

N/A this is a non-project proposal.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A this is a non-project proposal.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A this is a non-project proposal.

7. Environmental health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal?

If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A this is a non-project proposal.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

N/A this is a non-project proposal.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

N/A this is a non-project proposal.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

N/A this is a non-project proposal and there is no associated construction.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A this is a non-project proposal and no emergency services are required.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action and no measures are necessary to reduce or control environmental health hazards.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not be affected by any noise in the area.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not result in any noise.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action and no measures are needed to reduce or control impacts.

8. Land and shoreline use

N/A, this is a non-project action. Answers provided below are intended to give a general

description of conditions within the SMP jurisdiction.

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

Land uses include residential, recreational, industrial, multi-family, public institutional uses, and vacant land. The proposal is a non-project action and proposes minimal changes to the existing shoreline environment designations to align better with underlying zoning. No additional constraints on land use are proposed at this time.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. There are no working farmlands or working forest lands in the shoreline jurisdiction area.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

N/A, this is a non-project action. There are no working farmlands or working forest lands in the shoreline jurisdiction area.

- c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. Much of the marine shoreline area within the city is modified and contains commercial, industrial, and recreational uses and residential docks and piers. Lake shorelines contain few structures, generally limited to those necessary for public access and recreation.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Zoning includes Public Use, Residential Low Density 2, Residential Low Density 2A, Old Town, Marine Mixed Use, Commercial Marine, Commercial Marine 2, Light Manufacturing, Light Manufacturing 1, Manufacturing and Shipping, Heavy Manufacturing, and Industrial

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

Comprehensive Plan designations include Residential Low Density-2, Marine Mixed Use, Public Use, Commercial Marine, Light Manufacturing, Manufacturing/Shipping, Industrial, and Heavy Manufacturing.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)

SMP Designations include Aquatic, Conservancy, Natural, Shoreline Residential, Urban Maritime, and Urban.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

[\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. Portions of the SMP jurisdiction include wetlands and priority habitat areas, erosion hazard areas, and steep slope areas. Other critical areas, as defined by the Anacortes Municipal Code, may also be present.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action that would not displace any people.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action and no measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts are necessary.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.. Several amendments to the shoreline environment designations are intended to promote compatibility with future land use designations and zoning.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

N/A, this is a non-project action, and no measures are necessary to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance

9. Housing

N/A, this is a non-project action. None of the questions in this section apply.

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

10. Aesthetics

N/A, this is a non-project action. None of the questions in this section apply.

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

11. Light and glare

N/A, this is a non-project action. None of the questions in this section apply.

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action. However, portions of the following parks and open spaces are located in the shoreline jurisdiction:

- ***Washington Park***
- ***Anacortes Community Forest Lands***
- ***Cape Sante Park***
- ***Tommy Thompson Parkway***
- ***Guemes Ferry Kiwanis Park***

- **Guemes Channel Trail**
- **N Avenue Park**
- **Jim Rice Civic Park**
- **Ship Harbor Interpretive Trail**

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action. As such, the project will not displace any existing recreational uses.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)

This is a non-project action. As such, no measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation will be needed.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. According to the City of Anacortes Shoreline Analysis Report prepared by The Watershed Company, March 2010, two historical sites listed by Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation are within shoreline jurisdiction. These sites include the W.T. Preston Corps of Engineers snagboat located on R Avenue near 7th Street and La Merced, a four-masted schooner serving as a breakwater for Lovric's Marina along Guemes Channel. La Merced is also on the National Register of Historic Places.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project proposal. However, historically, Native American families including those of the Samish and Swinomish Tribes have made residence on Fidalgo Island. As such, there may be evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance within shoreline jurisdiction.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not result in impacts to cultural and historic resources..

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

This is a non-project action. Development that is authorized consistent with the City's SMP will be required to comply with City, State, and Federal requirements regarding cultural preservation.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [\[help\]](#)

N/A this is a non-project action.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [\[help\]](#)

N/A this is a non-project action.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not add or eliminate any parking spaces.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, therefore, there would be no need for any new or improved roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action. Water transportation includes the Skagit County Guemes ferry and WSDOT ferry terminal, located adjacent to the Guemes Trail and Ship Harbor, respectively. There is no rail or air transportation in within shoreline jurisdiction.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not generate any additional vehicular trips per day.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

N/A, this is a non-project action, and will not affect movement of agricultural or forest products.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action and there is no need for any measures to reduce or control

transportation impacts.

15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action, which would not result in the need for increased public services, such as fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, and schools.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action and there is no need to reduce or control impacts on public services.

16. Utilities

N/A this is a non-project action. None of the questions in this section apply.

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____

N/A, this is a non-project action.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [\[help\]](#)

N/A, this is a non-project action.

C. SIGNATURE [\[HELP\]](#)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under laws of the State of Washington that the above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make a decision.

Signature:  _____

Name of signee Libby Grage

Position and Agency/Organization Planning Manager, City of Anacortes

Date Submitted: November 16, 2020

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the City's SMP are not anticipated to increase any of the above. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws, making usability improvements and clarifications, and changes to shoreline environment designations to align with underlying zoning.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

The existing SMP includes restrictions on uses, activities, and development within SMP jurisdiction that prevent the discharge of water or release of toxic or hazardous substances into the water. The standard requires no net loss of environmental functions within the shoreline.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the City's SMP are not anticipated to significantly affect plants, animals, fish or marine life. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws, making usability improvements and clarifications, and changes to shoreline environment designations to align with underlying zoning.

As development occurs in accordance with the SMP, impacts to shoreline ecological functions will be avoided, minimized, or compensated for. Additionally, the shoreline restoration plan addresses the goal of improving shoreline ecological functions that have been degraded over time from past development activities, the addendum

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Proposed vegetation conservation amendments include preserving existing views, but not allowing trimming activities to create new views along the shoreline. A greater portion of the tree's crown will also be preserved when trimming is proposed, increasing crown retention from 65% to 75%. Further, a shoreline exemption will be required for trimming activities.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the City's SMP are not anticipated to affect the depletion of energy or natural resources. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws, making usability improvements and clarifications, and changes to shoreline environment designations to align with underlying zoning.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

The proposal will have no effect on energy conservation but is strongly linked to protecting remaining intact natural resources along the shoreline not already impacted by development.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas

designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the City's SMP are not anticipated to directly affect environmentally sensitive areas. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws, making usability improvements and clarifications, and changes to shoreline environment designations to align with underlying zoning.

The proposed amendments include incorporation by reference of the (soon to be adopted) updated City-wide critical areas regulations, and will specify where critical areas regulations do not apply within shoreline jurisdiction, such as exempt activities, permitted alterations, and reasonable use exception variance sections in the CAO. The updates to the CAO have been developed using Ecology guidance for CAO/SMP integration. Additionally, activities such as tree trimming will have to go through shoreline permit review in order to demonstrate they meet standards established under SMP Section 6.5 Vegetation Conservation. The amended standards are anticipated to continue to ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

The existing SMP establishes a standard of no net loss of environmental functions within the shoreline. This is intended to preserve and protect environmentally sensitive and protected areas through the policies and regulations in the SMP. Provisions of the SMP also encourage the restoration and enhancement of ecological functions that should positively affect environmentally sensitive and protected areas. The proposed shoreline restoration plan addendum will provide prioritization of projects for city consideration of restoration projects that are intended to improve environmental functions.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the City's SMP are not anticipated to directly affect land and shoreline use. The proposed amendments would slightly alter the land and shoreline uses allowed to be more consistent with existing City plans, zoning, and development regulations.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

The proposal itself aims to improve the compatibility of land use and shoreline plans.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the City's SMP are not anticipated to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

No such measures are needed.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

This non-project proposal includes amendments associated with the periodic review of the City's SMP, which the City is required to complete under the Washington State Shoreline Management Act. Aims of the periodic review include keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws, changes to local plans and regulations, and changes to SEDs to align with underlying zoning.