



Planning, Community, & Economic Development Department

Don Measamer, Director

Memo

To: Anacortes Community Members & Planning Commission
From: Planning, Community & Economic Development Department
Re: Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update Additional Public Comment Period
Date: February 16, 2022

Summary

The City is holding a written public comment period on the 2nd Draft of proposed amendments to the Anacortes Shoreline Master Program and associated documents. After the close of the public comment period, the Planning Commission will consider the comments and make a recommendation to City Council on the proposed SMP amendments.

Background

The city is conducting a periodic review of the Anacortes Shoreline Master Program (SMP) pursuant to RCW 90.58.080(4). The purpose of the review is to bring the SMP into compliance with requirements of the Shoreline Management Act and state rules that have been added or changed since the last SMP amendment, to ensure the SMP remains consistent with amended comprehensive plans and regulations, and to incorporate amendments deemed necessary to reflect changed circumstances, new information, or improved data.

The City's update process began in 2019. A 1st Draft of the proposed amendments were released for a joint City/Ecology public comment period ending on December 18, 2020, and a joint Planning Commission/Ecology public hearing was held on December 9, 2020. In October 2021 the City received from the Washington State Department of Ecology an initial determination of concurrence, subject to several recommended and required changes.

2nd Draft Documents

The 2nd Draft of the SMP amendments incorporates public comments, recommended and required changes identified by Ecology, and further clarifies certain standards. As part of the periodic update process, the City intends to codify all regulatory sections of the SMP into the Anacortes Municipal

Code and relocate the shoreline goals and policies into the Anacortes Comprehensive Plan. Draft documents to facilitate this have been prepared and are also available for review.

Additional Public Comment Period

An additional written public comment period is being held to take comment on the below documents.

The comment period runs from February 16, 2022 to March 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Review the draft documents at: <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/1095/SMP-Update>

Submit comments to:

Libby Grage, Planning Manager,

Email: libbyb@cityofanacortes.org

USPS: City of Anacortes, PCED, PO Box 547 Anacortes, WA 98221

Documents Available for Review

The following documents are available for review at the website address above:

2nd Draft SMP Amendments

A 2nd Draft of the proposed SMP amendments has been developed. The 2nd Draft includes changes to incorporate public comments, recommended or mandatory changes identified by Ecology, and to further clarify certain standards.

Draft AMC 19.72 Shoreline Master Program

A draft codified version of the regulatory sections of the SMP has been developed to relocate the amended shoreline regulations into the Anacortes Municipal Code's Title 19, Unified Development Code.

Draft Comprehensive Plan Shoreline Element

A draft new Shoreline Element has been developed so that the SMPs shoreline goals and policies can be relocated to the Anacortes Comprehensive Plan.

Shoreline Restoration Plan Addendum

The addendum has been developed to update the Shoreline Restoration Plan adopted in 2010. It updates project statuses and provides a prioritization for future projects accounting for overall ecological benefit potential and cost.