



Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update

SHORELINES & CRITICAL AREAS

Jefferson County	Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO)	Shoreline Master Program (SMP)
County Code	JCC 18.15 Overlay Districts	JCC 18.25
State Law	Growth Management Act (1990) RCW 36.70A	Shoreline Management Act (1971) RCW 90.58
State Rules	WAC 365-190 and 365-195	WAC 173-26 (2003 SMP Guidelines)
Pertains to	Critical Areas: Critical aquifer recharge areas (CARAs) Frequently flooded areas Geologically hazardous areas Fish & wildlife habitat areas Wetlands	Shorelines of the State, Shorelines of Statewide Significance, shorelands and associated features; critical areas that occur within shoreline jurisdiction are regulated by the SMP.
Connections	Must protect all critical areas Some critical areas occur along shorelines State legislation ESHB 1933 adopts shoreline management as a goal of growth management	Shorelines in and of themselves are not automatically critical areas (but most shorelines have associated critical areas) SMP must provide equal (or greater) protections as provided by CAO
Timeline	CAO currently undergoing revision; Final Board of County Commissioner action anticipated in January 2008; Critical areas in the shoreline must be adequately protected by CAO until current SMP update is complete; Next CAO update required in 2018	SMP currently undergoing a comprehensive update; Anticipated to take effect in late-2009; Next SMP update required in 2018
Issues Pending	What provisions will the revised CAO include (e. g. will it address marine buffers and channel migration zones)? State legislation SBB 5248 prohibits CAO revisions that relate to agricultural activities until 2010	Will the SMP have to fill any gaps left by the CAO? SMP revision could incorporate CAO by reference and/or include additional provisions for critical areas in shorelines Agriculture is a shoreline use that must be addressed in the SMP update; No new limits for existing agriculture on designated agricultural lands are allowed; Most agricultural activities are exempt from substantial development permit requirements. State guidance on CAO – SMP integration is in development