

Current SMP	Dept of Ecology Guidelines	Proposed SMP
Natural		
	The purpose of the "natural" environment is to protect those shoreline areas that are relatively free of human influence or that include intact or minimally degraded shoreline functions intolerant of human use.	Purpose. The Natural designation protects from harm or adverse impact shoreline areas that are intact, have minimally degraded functions and processes, or are relatively free of human influence.
	(iii) Designation Criteria.	
1. Definition. A shoreline possessing unique or fragile features either natural or cultural, that are essentially unaltered from their natural state or relatively intolerant of human use other than that for passive activities. Included are those areas containing hazardous or unique environmental conditions, such as highly erosive bluffs, tidal marshes, estuaries, and active landslides.	A "natural" environment designation should be assigned to shoreline areas if any of the following characteristics apply:	Designation Criteria. The Natural designation is assigned to shoreline areas landward of the ordinary high water mark if any of the following characteristics apply:
essentially unaltered from their natural state or relatively intolerant of human use other than that for passive activities.	(A) The shoreline is ecologically intact and therefore currently performing an important, irreplaceable function or ecosystem-wide process that would be damaged by human activity;	The shoreline is mostly ecologically intact and therefore currently performing an important or irreplaceable function or process that would be damaged by human activity; or
A shoreline possessing unique or fragile features either natural or cultural,	(B) The shoreline is considered to represent ecosystems and geologic types that are of particular scientific and educational interest; or	The shoreline, whether disturbed or intact, represents an ecosystem type or geologic feature that is of particular scientific and/or educational interest; or
containing hazardous or unique environmental conditions, such as highly erosive bluffs, tidal marshes, estuaries, and active landslides.	(C) The shoreline is unable to support new development or uses without significant adverse impacts to ecological functions or risk to human safety.	The shoreline is unable to support new development or uses without significant adverse impacts to ecological functions or processes; The shoreline contains undisturbed wetlands, estuaries, feeder bluffs, unstable slopes, coastal dunes, and/or accretional spits; or
		The shoreline has the potential to return to near natural conditions with minimal or no restoration activity; or
		The shoreline possesses serious development limitations or human health and safety risks due to the presence of environmental hazards related to flooding, channel migration, erosion or landslides and similar occurrences

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<p>Conservancy</p> <p>(1)Definition. An area with valuable natural, cultural, or historical resources or environmental conditions that should be protected, conserved, and managed to the extent that a continual supply of those resources such as soil, water, timber, fish, shellfish, or wildlife are not degraded or depleted but are maintained. Also included are areas containing sensitive environmental conditions that may limit the potential for development or use, including but not limited to steep slopes, floodprone areas, erodin</p>	<p>The purpose of the "rural conservancy" environment is to protect ecological functions, conserve existing natural resources and valuable historic and cultural areas in order to provide for sustained resource use, achieve natural flood plain processes, and provide recreational opportunities..</p>	<p>i. Purpose. The Conservancy designation provides for sustained use of resource lands and other relatively undeveloped shorelines while protecting ecological functions, conserving natural, historic and cultural resources, and providing recreational opportunities.</p>
	<p>(iii) Designation Criteria</p> <p>Assign a "rural conservancy" environment designation to shoreline areas outside incorporated municipalities and outside urban growth areas, as defined by RCW 36.70A.110, if any of the following characteristics apply:</p>	<p>A Conservancy designation is assigned to shoreline areas landward of the ordinary high water mark if they do not meet the criteria for the Natural designation and if any of the following characteristics apply:</p>
<p>valuable natural, cultural, or historical resources or environmental conditions that should be protected, conserved, and managed to the extent that a continual supply of those resources such as soil, water, timber, fish, shellfish, or wildlife are not degraded or depleted but are maintained.</p>	<p>(A) The shoreline is currently supporting lesser-intensity resource-based uses, such as agriculture, forestry, or recreational uses, or is designated agricultural or forest lands pursuant to RCW 36.70A.170;</p>	<p>The shoreline is relatively undeveloped or currently supporting resource-based uses; or</p>
<p>areas containing sensitive environmental conditions that may limit the potential for development or use, including but not limited to steep slopes, floodprone areas, erodin</p>	<p>(B) The shoreline is currently accommodating residential uses outside urban growth areas and incorporated cities or towns;</p>	<p>The shoreline is publicly owned; or</p>
	<p>(C) The shoreline is supporting human uses but subject to environmental limitations, such as properties that include or are adjacent to steep banks, feeder bluffs, or flood plains or other flood-prone areas;</p>	<p>The shoreline is predominantly low density Rural Residential (RR1:10, RR1:20) use; or</p>
	<p>(D) The shoreline is of high recreational value or with unique historic or cultural resources; or</p>	<p>The shoreline can support low density residential development and low intensity water-oriented uses, including some commercial and industrial uses, without significant adverse impacts to shoreline functions or processes; or</p>
	<p>(E) The shoreline has low-intensity water-dependent uses.</p>	<p>The shoreline is a good candidate for ecological restoration.</p>

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Shoreline Residential		
<p>(1)Definition. Areas where residential activity may approach urban density, but usually where densities permit space for small numbers of livestock, gardens, or wood lots. These areas are served by individual or community water supplies, but generally are not linked with utilities from an urban center. Commercial activities to serve the needs of the immediate area are considered an integral part of this designation.</p>	<p>The purpose of the "shoreline residential" environment is to accommodate residential development and appurtenant structures that are consistent with this chapter. An additional purpose is to provide appropriate public access and recreational uses.</p>	<p>Purpose. The Shoreline Residential designation accommodates residential development and accessory structures that are properly located and designed, in areas where high density residential developments and services exist or are planned.</p>
	(iii) Designation Criteria	
<p>Areas where residential activity may approach urban density, but usually where densities permit space for small numbers of livestock, gardens, or wood lots</p> <p>These areas are served by individual or community water supplies, but generally are not linked with utilities from an urban center.</p>	<p>Assign a "shoreline residential" environment designation to shoreline</p> <p>areas inside urban growth areas, as defined in RCW 36.70A.110, incorporated municipalities, "rural areas of more intense development," or "master planned resorts," as described in RCW 36.70A.360,</p> <p>if they are predominantly single-family or multifamily residential development or are planned and platted for residential development.</p>	<p>. The Shoreline Residential designation is assigned to shoreline areas landward of the ordinary high water mark if they do not meet the criteria for the Natural, Conservancy or High Intensity environments, and if any of the following characteristics apply</p> <p>The shoreline is within an Urban Growth Area (UGA); or Master Planned Resort (MPR); or designated high density Rural Residential (RR1:5) area; or</p> <p>The shoreline is predominantly high density (RR1:5) single-family or multifamily residential development or is planned and platted for high density (RR1:5) residential development.</p>
<p>Commercial activities to serve the needs of the immediate area are considered an integral part of this designation.</p>		