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Planning Commission Goals –

Updating the Jefferson County Shoreline Master Program adopted by motion at the February 18, 2009 meeting:

1. Comply with the requirements and goals of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW) and Guidelines (WAC), (e.g. conservation and shoreline resources, economic development, preference for water-dependent uses, public access, not net loss of ecological functions, etc.)
 - a. Responds to new requirements (WAC update)
 - b. Responds to new science (new local information, new scientific insights).
 - c. Responds to new legal findings (e.g. Future wise vs. Anacortes, AG opinions)

2. Create a Final Draft Shoreline Master Program that works for Jefferson County
 - a. Easy to understand.
 - b. Easy to Enforce.
 - c. Easy to comply with while providing appropriate protections. (Flexible, understandable).
 - d. Addresses problems with exiting regulations.
 - e. Keeps permitting decisions local (Minimize CUPs).
 - f. Respect private property rights while protecting the environment.
 - g. Be responsive to constituents.
 - h. Compliments but does not duplicate existing regulations.

3. Support and reflect DCD procedural requirements, permitting processes, the role of agencies and tribes, the hierarchy of decision making authority and ultimately the role of the courts, which is the relationship between this program and the Shoreline Hearings Board.
 - a. Procedural Requirements: application type, administrative decision process, hearings examiner process and public noticing.
 - b. Role of Agencies: State level (Ecology, Fish & Wildlife, Natural Resources, Health) and Federal government including Corp of Engineers and the local Tribes.