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Shoreline Policy Advisory Committee Meeting is cancelled for January 23

Port Townsend, WA—The Shoreline Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd at 9 am in the County Library is CANCELLED. The group has been meeting as needed to assist staff and consultants with the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update for Jefferson County.

“Our meeting earlier in January was so productive we’re able to let the consultants take it from here and write a draft which we plan to have the SPAC review some time in April,” said Michelle McConnell, project coordinator for the SMP.

A traveling “road show” throughout Jefferson County is being planned for March. This will be an opportunity for residents to learn more about the SMP and to offer their comments and perspective. Dates and locations will be announced in February.

For more information about the SMP Update, please go to <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ShorelinePlanning.htm>. Notes from the most recent SPAC meetings are posted there, in addition to schedule changes. Anyone interested to learn more can contact Michelle McConnell at 379.4484 or via e-mail at mmcconnell@co.jefferson.wa.us to join an e-mail distribution list for meeting announcements and periodic project updates. Advisory committee meetings are open to the public.

A full assessment of shoreline features and conditions is part of the work Jefferson County, technical and policy advisors, and the County’s consultants - ESA Adolfson and Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory - are doing in coordinating a multi-year project to update the County’s Shoreline Master Program as mandated by the State. Both technical and policy advisory committees are meeting as needed to assist staff in recommendations for the update.

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