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Final Shoreline Restoration Plan available from County

Port Townsend, WA—The *Final Shoreline Restoration Plan* has been completed and is available for review. This document is a required component of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comprehensive Update Project mandated by state law. The document is online at <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ShorelineRestoration.htm> and public review copies are available at the Department of Community Development (DCD) Front Desk, the Jefferson County Library & Bookmobile, and the Clallam County Library in Forks. You may also purchase the document as a hard copy or on compact disc at the DCD office.

“The Shoreline Restoration Plan (SRP) contains a vision for the restoration of our saltwater and freshwater shorelines, along with goals and objectives to improve ecological functions,” said Al Scalf, director of DCD. “Some of the specific restoration actions suggested include removal of bulkheads, tidegates, fill, culverts and roads as well as increasing native vegetation and light penetration through docks and piers in order to improve habitat and overall shoreline health.”

Restoration priorities are based on technical analyses by the Washington Department of Ecology scientists and Battelle Marine Science Laboratory researchers. The SRP also identifies potential partners and funding sources, existing programs and efforts currently underway, preliminary steps to accomplish specific restoration projects and rough estimates of how costly and complex projects might be.

Recommended projects are listed by water body and organized by water resource inventory areas (WRIAs) to complement existing watershed and salmon recovery plans. The SRP is also written to be consistent with the regional Puget Sound Partnership effort to restore the Sound by 2020.

Jefferson County is required to update its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) in compliance with the State’s 1971 Shoreline Management Act and the 2003 SMP Guidelines. All jurisdictions in the State must update their SMPs by 2014.

For more information or to join the SMP e-mail notification list, contact Michelle McConnell, Associate Planner in DCD, at 379.4484, via e-mail at mmcconnell@co.jefferson.wa.us or visit the County’s Web site listed above.

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