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County to hold SMP advisory committee meetings

Port Townsend, WA—The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) advisory committees will be meeting on Tuesday, August 5th from noon to 5 p.m. in the Spruce Room at the WSU Learning Center in Shold Business Park in Port Hadlock.

“Both the Shoreline Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) and the Shoreline Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) have worked very hard over the past year and a half or so, dedicating many hours in assisting County staff with our SMP Update,” said Al Scalf, director of the Department of Community Development (DCD). “They’ll be meeting to discuss the final revisions being made to key documents based upon both committee and public feedback we’ve received.”

Documents the STAC and SPAC will be reviewing include the *Revised Committee Working Draft SMP* and the supporting technical documents of the *Final Shoreline Inventory & Characterization Report* and the *Shoreline Restoration Plan*.

This will potentially be the last meeting for both committees that will have assisted staff and consultants with the development of proposed policies and regulations as well as required technical assessments and reports. The agenda will be posted on the County’s Web site at <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ShorelinePlanning.htm>.

Since mid-June, the SMP project team has been across Eastern Jefferson County providing public outreach through a series of 12 Neighborhood Information Booths in residential areas and with a Community Planning Workshop held July 10th. The overarching goal was to be available to the public for continued outreach and to encourage participation and feedback in various venues to distribute information and to answer any questions the public may have had regarding the SMP Update.

The Preliminary Draft SMP staff proposal is anticipated to be submitted to the County’s Planning Commission in September for their review.

Jefferson County is required to update its Shoreline Master Program 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.

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