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Open Houses for the Shoreline Master Program Update will be held throughout County in October

Port Townsend, WA—Jefferson County will be hosting Open Houses on the Shoreline Master Program Update through the month of October at various locations around County. The purpose of the SMP Open Houses is to bring Jefferson County residents up-to-date on the activities being done for the comprehensive SMP Update project and to answer questions citizens may have.

“We invite everyone who has an interest in this project to come and learn more about the SMP Update and to give us your input,” said Michelle McConnell, Associate Planner for the SMP Update. “Each drop-in event will feature poster displays, a repeating slide show, comment forms, and an interactive digital mapping station with staff and volunteers available to answer questions. In case you can’t attend, but want to provide input, a comment form will be available on-line.”

The first Open House will be Tuesday, October 9th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Chimacum at the Tri-Area Community Center, located at 10 W. Valley Road.

On Tuesday, October 16th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the SMP Open House will be in Port Ludlow at the Beach Club, at 121 Marina View Drive.

The third Open House will be Tuesday, October 23rd, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in Quilcene at the Community Center, at 294952 Highway 101.

And the final Open House will be Tuesday, October 30th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Kalaloch Lodge, at 157151 Highway 101.

Jefferson County received a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology 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. Jefferson County is due to submit a locally-approved SMP to Ecology by June 2009.

More information is available by contacting Michelle McConnell at 379.4484 or via e-mail at mmcconnell@co.jefferson.wa.us. Or go to the County’s Web site at www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ShorelinePlanning.htm.

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