




JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

FROM: Al Scaff, Director of Community Development 
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DATE: March 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to the *Locally Approved Shoreline Master Program* (MLA08-475)

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: Last week, the Board of County Commissioners continued review of the Department of Community Development (DCD) staff recommendation on Ecology's required and recommended changes and staff's additional revisions proposed for clarification. Continued discussion is needed on the topics of finfish and net pen aquaculture and other possible changes to the *Locally Approved SMP*. DCD staff seeks Board guidance on what issues may require another public hearing, a tentative date for a public hearing, and direction on how to proceed in preparing a response to Ecology.

ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS/PROS and CONS:

Ecology's approval is regarding the December 7, 2009 *Locally Approved SMP*, submitted to Ecology on March 1, 2010 as Exhibit A of Jefferson County Resolution 77-09 (erroneously referenced in Ecology documents as 'Ordinance Number 77-09') as the proposed amendments to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Jefferson County Code. This SMP Comprehensive Update (MLA08-475) is required by law and must be completed by December 2011.

In March 2010, the County submitted a *Locally Approved Shoreline Master Program* (SMP) to the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) for final review and approval, per RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26. After a public review process, Ecology considered the County's proposed SMP update for consistency with state statute and rules.

On January 26, 2011 Ecology determined that the County has met the procedural and policy requirements of the Shoreline Management Act and the SMP Guidelines, pending some required changes. A letter from Ecology's director with three attachments outlines their conditioned approval, findings and conclusions, required and recommended changes. The County needs to consider the required changes and respond as to whether to accept or propose alternatives to those changes prior to final adoption by the state and by local ordinance.

Staff has reviewed the required and recommended changes and has previously provided guidance to the Board on whether to agree, further study, decline or propose alternative changes. In addition, there are numerous revisions proposed for clarification to correct various errors in the document prior to final

adoption. The Board's discussion of the DCD Recommendation began on February 22 and continued on February 28 but was not completed, therefore continued discussion is needed.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

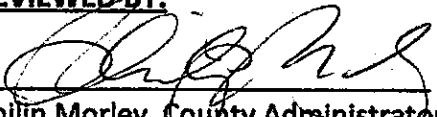
Grant funding for the SMP Update ended in June 2009. Department of Community Development staff work is covered by the department's annual budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board:

1. Review the documents and provide feedback on each of the DCD recommendation's 61 possible SMP changes – either to:
 - Concur with staff's guidance; or
 - Propose alternative changes.
2. Determine which SMP changes require a public hearing.
3. Set a date for the public hearing.

REVIEWED BY:


Philip Morley, County Administrator

3/2/11
Date