

**City of Marysville
Shoreline Master Program
2018-19 Periodic Update**



Public Participation Plan and Schedule

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Introduction

The Washington State Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA) was enacted for the purpose of comprehensively managing and protecting the state's shorelines. The SMA (Chapters 90.58 RCW and 173-26 WAC) emphasizes accommodation of appropriate uses that require a shoreline location, protection of shoreline environmental resources and protection of the public's right to access and use the shorelines.

Under the SMA, each city and county with "shorelines of the state" must prepare and adopt a Shoreline Master Program (SMP) that is based on state laws and rules but tailored to the specific geographic, economic and environmental needs of the community. The SMP is essentially a combined comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, and development permit system for shoreline-specific uses. Shorelines of the state west of the Cascade Mountains include:

- All marine waters;
- Streams with a mean annual flow greater than 20 cubic feet per second;
- Lakes with 20 acres or more of open water;
- Upland areas extending landward for two hundred feet as measured on a horizontal plane from the ordinary high water mark;;
- Some or all of the 100-year floodplain; and
- Wetlands and river deltas associated with rivers/streams and tidal waters which are subject to the provisions of the SMA.

Ebey Slough, the Qwuloolt Estuary, and portions of Quilceda, Allen, and Jones Creeks, as well as the adjoining shoreline areas ("shorelands") and associated wetlands, meet the definition of "shorelines of the state" in the City of Marysville's jurisdiction. The SMA also states "the interests of all the people shall be paramount in the management of "shorelines of statewide significance." In Marysville, Ebey Slough meets this definition and is considered a "major resource from which all people in the State derive benefit" and preference must be given to uses which favor public and long-range goals.

Periodic updates of shoreline master programs are required by the State Department of Ecology (Ecology) at least once every eight years. Ecology is the regulatory body in charge of overseeing the City's SMP update and will also provide technical support and partial funding to prepare SMP periodic reviews for shoreline jurisdictions in Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties. Marysville's SMP was last comprehensively updated in 2006. These periodic updates are to be completed by June 30, 2019.

The scope of this periodic review is to ensure that the City of Marysville Shoreline Master Program (SMP) complies with new laws and guidelines, is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and other local plans and regulations that have been adopted since the SMP was last comprehensively updated in 2006. Amendments to the SMP may be necessary to reflect changing local circumstances, new information, or improved data (WAC 173-26-090).

The City of Marysville is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The SMA requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the Legislature. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other City of Marysville plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

A Public Participation Plan is required to describe how the City of Marysville will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process of reviewing the SMP.

This Public Participation Plan describes the steps that the City of Marysville will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as Marysville staff contact information and web addresses. This plan is in addition to any other minimum requirements for public participation required by Marysville's Code Section MMC [22E.050](#) . This plan is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation.

1.0 Public Participation Goals and Objectives

The overall goal of the City of Marysville's Public Participation Plan is to make the planning process accessible, inclusive, and engaging to stakeholders and all members of the public. An initial objective is to identify potential stakeholders, invite their participation in the planning process and guide public participation efforts throughout the update process. Specific goals are to:

- Make reasonable effort to invite, inform, and involve all interested persons, private entities, tribal nations, and agencies of the federal, state, and local government having interests and responsibilities relating to the shorelines of the state and Marysville's SMP.
- Develop multiple citizen participation approaches to promote and encourage open and effective public communication.
- Seek early and continuous involvement of the public and stakeholders using a variety of methods such as forming a shoreline advisory group to collect input and make appropriate revisions to address identified issues. Conduct a public open house, send out mailers and emails, and maintain a project specific webpage.

Roles & Responsibilities

The Shoreline Management Act establishes a balance of authority and partnership between local and state government. While the City of Marysville is the primary regulator for its shorelines, Washington State Department of Ecology provides support, technical assistance and conducts final review for approval and adoption into the state program to meet federal requirements for a Coastal Zone Management Program. The City of Marysville is responsible for the updating its shoreline master program in compliance with Washington State rules and guidelines. This responsibility includes inviting public comment and coordinating with adjacent jurisdictions, affected tribes, and state agencies. The primary contact for the City of Marysville Shoreline Master Program update is:

Cheryl Dungan, Senior Planner
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The Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) is responsible for providing technical assistance to the City and must approve the City's updated Shoreline Master Program. The primary contact person at the state DOE for Everett's update is:

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Washington State Department of Ecology
913 Squalicum way Unit 101
Bellingham, WA 98225
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(360) 255-4375

2.0 Public Participation Opportunities

Marysville is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the process. Marysville will use a variety of communication tools to inform the public and encourage a variety of public participation strategies. These strategies will be utilized throughout the process to encourage and facilitate widespread community involvement from a wide range of participants. Some of these parties will be involved on committees in a review capacity while others will be informed and invited to participate throughout the process.

Other stakeholders, not mentioned as key parties in the list above, may also be notified directly during the public involvement process. Notification to stakeholders may be accomplished via US Mail, email, web page, press notifications, posting of Notices at regular posting places, etc.

The following strategies will serve as a toolbox that the City will employ to facilitate public participation during the Shoreline Master Program and Shoreline Public Access Plan update process.

* Please note that this will be a joint approval process with the Washington State Department of Ecology, including the following:

2.1 Website

Marysville's website will include a Periodic Review webpage where interested parties can access status updates, draft documents, official notices, minutes and other project information. The webpage will be the primary repository of all information related to the Periodic Review process. The page will include who to contact for more information and an email link for questions and comments.

2.3 Open House

Marysville will initiate the Periodic Review with a community open house. Public comments received during the Open House will be posted on the Periodic Review webpage.

2.4 Notice mailing list

An email list of interested parties will be created, advertised and maintained by the City of Marysville. The list will be used to notify interested parties regarding Periodic Review progress and participation opportunities. Interested parties will be added to the list by contacting the Community Development Department – Planning Division.

2.5 Comment

Interested parties will be encouraged to provide comments to Marysville city staff by letter or email. All comments will be forwarded to the Marysville Planning Commission and City Council. The Periodic

Review webpage will be the central repository for information under consideration. Documents will be available for review at the Community Development Department, and copies will be provided at the established copying cost.

2.6 Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will be the primary forum for detailed review and recommendations to the Marysville City Council. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comments during the Planning Commission deliberations workshops and/or public hearings. Official notices will be published as established in Marysville city code.

2.7 News media

The local news media will be kept up-to-date on the Periodic Review process and receive copies of all official notices.

3.0 List of stakeholders

The City of Marysville will engage the following stakeholders:

- All people listed in the Shorelines, Downtown Waterfront, or Comprehensive Plan parties of records lists.
- Tulalip Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe
- Downtown businesses
- Property/Business owners located in the shoreline environment
- Recreational boaters
- Neighborhood groups
- Marysville Planning Commission
- Marysville City Council
- Marysville Public Works
- Marysville Parks

4.0 Public Participation Timeline

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. Marysville staff will coordinate with the Department of Ecology throughout the process. A detailed timeline will be posted on the Periodic Review webpage.

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5.0 Public Comment Periods and Hearings

The Planning Commission will conduct a public workshop and at least one public hearing to solicit input on the Periodic Review. The City Council will hold one public meeting before final adoption.

Marysville staff will coordinate with the Department of Ecology on public notification of comment periods and hearings to take advantage of Ecology's optional SMP amendment process that allows for a combined state-local comment period (WAC 173-26-104).

Public notice of all hearings will state who is holding the comment period and/or hearing, the date and time, and the location of any public hearing. Notices will be published per official policy and comply with all other legal requirements such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. A notice will be sent to the email list referenced in 2.4 above and the Department of Ecology.

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