

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM PERIODIC REVIEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Introduction

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

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to describe how the City will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the SMP Periodic Review. This Public Participation Plan includes several opportunities for public involvement in a variety of formats.

This plan may be adjusted as needed over the course of the SMP Periodic Review to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation.

Public Participation Goals

- Provide interested parties with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and comment on proposed amendments to the SMP.
- Actively solicit information from citizens, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the SMP Periodic Review.
- Encourage interested parties to review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process and provide comments to decision-makers.
- Provide forums for formal public input at key project milestones prior to decisionmaking by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and tribes.

Public Participation Opportunities

The City is committed to providing several opportunities for public participation throughout the process and will use a variety of methods to inform the public and encourage participation, including the following:

City Staff

At any time during the SMP Periodic Review, Chad Bedlington, Director of Public Works, can be reached with any comments or questions. He can be reached via phone at (360) 495-3667, extension 103, or via email at chadb@cityofmccleary.com.

Website

The City's website will be the primary repository of all information related to the SMP Periodic Review, including draft documents. The City webpage with information on the SMP Periodic Review can be found here.

City Hall

In addition to the website, all documents under consideration will be available for review at City Hall.

List of Interested Parties & Notification

The City will maintain an email list of interested parties for the SMP Periodic Review. The list will be used to notify interested parties at key process milestones. Interested parties can be added to the list by contacting City staff (see "City Staff" above for contact information).

Planning Commission/City Council Meetings

City meetings are open to the public.

Public Comment Period & Public Hearing

The City plans to take advantage of the optional joint review process for SMP amendments, which allows for a joint state-local comment period and public hearing (WAC 173-26-104).

The joint state-local comment period will run concurrent with the comment period required pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Comments submitted during the joint state-local comment period will be reviewed both by the City and the Washington State Department of Ecology. No additional comment period will occur during state review.

A public hearing will be held during the joint-state local comment period.

News Media

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

Stakeholders

The City will attempt to engage the following stakeholders on the SMP Periodic Review:

Citizens

Citizens might live, own property, conduct business or recreate along Wildcat Pond or Mox Chehalis Creek shoreline areas subject to the SMP.

Businesses

This Public Participation Plan seeks to reach any businesses interested in being involved. However, the City particularly intends to target those businesses with shoreline issues. Businesses that may be interested in being involved in the SMP update include, but is not limited to:

- Green Diamond Resources
- Port Blakely Tree Farms

Interest Groups

There are numerous interest groups that may want to be involved in the SMP Periodic Review. These groups include:

- McCleary Chamber of Commerce
- Capitol Land Trust
- Olympia Master Builders, Grays Harbor Chapter
- Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force
- Chehalis River Basin Land Trust
- Friends of Grays Harbor
- Futurewise
- The Nature Conservancy
- Grays Harbor Association of Realtors
- Trout Unlimited Grays Harbor
- Grays Harbor Audubon Society
- Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce
- Grays Harbor Tourism
- Grays Harbor Conservation District
- Wild Fish Conservancy

Governmental Entities

Local, State, federal, and tribal governments have significant and wide-ranging interests in shoreline management. Governmental entities that may have an interest in the SMP Periodic Review include:

Local Government

- Chehalis Basin Lead Entity
- Chehalis Basin Partnership
- Grays Harbor County
- Grays Harbor Council of Governments
- Grays Harbor Public Utility District
- Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership

State Government

- Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Transportation
- State Parks and Recreation Commission

Federal Government

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

Tribal Government

- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
- Quinault Indian Nation
- Squaxin Island Tribe

Anticipated Timeline for Key Public Participation Opportunities

Following is the anticipated timeline for key public participation opportunities. The timeline may be adjusted as the SMP Periodic Review process moves forward.

Opportunity	Anticipated Timeline
Project webpage	Ongoing throughout project
Notifications to interested parties	At key project milestones
Initial stakeholder coordination	October 2022
Planning Commission meeting(s)	Fall 2022
Joint public comment period / SEPA comment period	Winter 2023
Joint public hearing	Winter 2023
City Council meeting(s)	Spring 2023