



Spokane County SMP Periodic Update

To Spokane County Planning Commission
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Project: Spokane County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Update
Subject Spokane County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Workshop

Spokane County 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 Spokane County plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data. Spokane County has initiated the periodic update and anticipates adopting in June 2021.

SCJ Alliance (SCJ) has been working with the County and the Department of Ecology to complete the joint state and local review per WAC 173-26-104. The joint review procedures allow the County to expeditiously provide joint public noticing and a 30-day comment period. SCJ has completed the periodic review checklist, amendments to the 2013 SMP as required, held a public workshop on April 1, 2021, and submitted the revised draft SMP to the Department of Ecology for their preliminary review.

A Public Participation Plan (PPP) is required and describes how Spokane County will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process of updating the SMP. This PPP describes the steps that Spokane County will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and comment. The plan is in addition to any other minimum requirements for public participation required by Spokane County Code.

As mentioned, Ecology has completed their preliminary review, no substantive comments or changes has been provided. In the draft before the Planning Commission the required updates to the SMP per the compliance audit checklist have been incorporated. Following this workshop, the County and Ecology will initiate the 30-day comment period from May 17-June 16. Comments received during this time will be catalogued and a response provided, substantive comments will be incorporated into the draft SMP as necessary.

Overarching changes to the SMP are listed below, many are already applied in practice and include the following:

- ◆ Definitions:
 - ◆ Development

- ◆ Nonconforming uses, structures & lots
- ◆ Forest management practices
- ◆ Floodways
- ◆ Floating homes vs FOWRs (houseboats)
- ◆ Permit Filing Procedures
- ◆ Periodic Review Process
- ◆ Cost thresholds for Substantial Development Permits
 - ◆ Including Docks (new & remodels)
- ◆ Various Exceptions/ Exemptions
- ◆ Added previously adopted language regarding shoreline onsite wastewater treatment systems.

SCJ Alliance will present the project overview and highlight the major changes at the workshop before the Planning Commission on May 13, 2021. This is not an adoption meeting, but rather a presentation on a near final draft of the SMP prior to adoption proceedings.

Exhibit A: Spokane County SMP, March 29, 2021 draft

Exhibit B: Periodic Review Checklist, March 19, 2021 draft

Exhibit C: Agency and stakeholder kickoff meeting

Exhibit D: Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update Presentation, May 13, 2021

Exhibit E: Spokane County Public Participation Plan, May 5, 2021