

Notice of Joint Local-State Public Comment Period, SEPA Environmental Review, and Public Hearing: Spokane County Shoreline Master Program 2021 Periodic Review

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Spokane County and Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) are seeking comments on the County's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review and proposed SMP Amendments. The joint 30-day local/state public comment period will run from May 17, 2021 through June 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Authority for the periodic Review is based on Washington's Shoreline Management Act (Ch. 90.58 RCW) and related rules. These amendments were developed by Spokane County to comply with WAC 173-26-090, which requires all local governments to review their SMPs on an eight-year schedule set in state law, and revise it if necessary. The review ensures the SMP keeps up with changes in state law, changes in other County plans and regulations, and other changed circumstances. The County has elected to use the optional joint review process to combine the local and Ecology comment periods, as allowed under WAC 173-26-104. No additional comment period will occur during the state review process. Comments provided to the County will be reviewed by both the County and Ecology. There is no need to send comments directly to Ecology.

Comments may be submitted to project lead Corey Smith at ctsmith@spokanecounty.org, or mailed to Spokane County Building & Planning Dept., 1026 W Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA 99260. Comments may also be made at the public hearing noted below.

At the conclusion of the comment period, the County will prepare a response to comments and determine whether changes are needed. Public comments and County responses will be shared with Ecology. After local adoption, the SMP amendment will be formally submitted to Ecology for final action per WAC 173-26-104 and WAC 173-26-110. Ecology will review amendments for consistency with state laws and rules. Ecology may either approve the program as adopted, or may recommend changes.

Environmental Documents: This proposed amendment is considered a non-project action and an Environmental Checklist has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act. The lead agency for this notice, Spokane County Building & Planning Department, intends to issue a SEPA DNS under WAC 197-11-340(2). The SEPA notification will be published and circulated separately and will also be available at the below County SMP Periodic Update webpage.

Documents related to this proposal are available for review at:
<https://www.spokanecounty.org/4886/Shoreline-Master-Program-Periodic-Update>

Spokane County deferred in-person public hearings in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to protect those most vulnerable. Due to the restrictions on public gatherings arising from the COVID-19 outbreak, this hearing will be conducted remotely using web and telephone conference tools. A Virtual Zoom Joint Public Hearing is to be held by the Spokane County Planning Commission on June 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL ZOOM HEARING:

Zoom Webinar Info:

When: Jun 17, 2021 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Public Hearing Before the Spokane County Planning Commission

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/92141406661>

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All meetings and hearings will be conducted in facilities that are accessible to all members of the public. Information with regard to the accessibility of the Public Works building, Commissioner's Assembly Room, or notification of an ADA accommodation should be made to Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board at (509) 477-2268.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2021

SPOKANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND PLANNING

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