

City of Tonasket Shoreline Management Act Periodic Review Project

Project Updates

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Overview

The City of Tonasket is proposing a comprehensive review and update to the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The City's initial SMP was approved by the Department of Ecology in September 2012. The SMP is a combined planning and regulatory document that contains the City's policies, goals, and specific land-use regulations for shorelines and consistent with the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) is intended to balance development, public access, and protection of natural resources and shoreline areas.

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What is the Shoreline Management Act (SMA)?

The shorelines of the state are among the most valuable and fragile of Washington's natural resources. The SMA was enacted to protect the shorelines uses and development. The SMA is a cooperative program between the local government (City of Tonasket) and the state (Department of Ecology). Ecology acts primarily in a supportive and reviewing capacity and must approve SMPs.

What is the Shoreline Management Program (SMP)?

The SMP is a collection of regulations pertaining to shoreline protection, use, and development.

What is a Comprehensive Review?

The Department of Ecology publishes a checklist of laws and rules each year that require local governments to review its SMP for compliance.

Where Does the SMA apply?

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The SMA applies to:

- All marine waters
- Streams and rivers with greater than 20 cubic feet per second mean annual flow
- Lakes 20 acres or larger
- Upland areas called shorelands extending 200 feet landward from the edge of the water
- Wetlands and deltas connected to bodies of water

- 100 year floodplains



<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/coastalatlus/tools/Map.aspx>

How Can You Participate?

The goal is to provide the public with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and provide comments before final decisions are made. To participate, you can do any or all of the following:

- Sign up for email updates and meeting notices; if you would prefer mail, please provide mailing address.
- Read the documents
- Attend public meetings
- Share your ideas and comment during the public comment periods
- Give testimony at public hearings
- Fill out the survey

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- Fill out the questionnaire
- Attend the community visioning meeting and provide comments

The City of Tonasket intends on schedule at least three opportunities for the public to engage and provide comments:

- First, open house
- Second, workshop
- Third, community visioning

Project Steps and Milestones – February 2022 – January 2023

| City's Public Participation Schedule | | |
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| Winter 2022 | Determine Scope | |
| | Develop Public Participation Plan; Circulate to Community and Stakeholders; Submit to Ecology for Approval | Comments |
| | Launch Website | Comments |
| | Open House | Comments |
| | Survey – Mail and/or Online | Comments |
| | Community Visioning Workshop & Questionnaire | Comments |
| | Present to Community Organizations | Comments |
| | Review Amendments and Updates | Comments |
| | Review Comprehensive Plans and Regulations | |
| | Public Meeting | Comments |
| | Public Hearing on Draft Proposal | Comments |
| | City Council Review and Public Hearing | Comments |
| | Submitted to Ecology for Approval | |
| | Adoption of Resolution | |
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Important Dates

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Photo courtesy of Michelle Miller

Links to Shoreline Materials

The documents and links below consist of task performed and materials produced as part of the SMP update. Ecology provides grants to communities updating the SMP. Some of the documents are required deliverables as part of the grant agreement with Ecology. Project documents will be uploaded and linked here as they are prepared:

- FAQ
- Shoreline Master Program
- Shoreline inventory and characterization report
- Public participation plan
- Survey
- Power Point
- Community visioning and questionnaire
- Cumulative impacts analysis
- Restoration plan

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