



The Town of Skykomish is conducting a periodic review of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for the Town's shoreline along the Skykomish River and Maloney Creek. The SMP determines the types of allowed uses and development, provides for public access, and increases the opportunity for shoreline protection and restoration. This periodic review is required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The SMA requires each local SMP be reviewed, and revised if needed, on an eight-year schedule established by the Legislature. This periodic review will require public participation during Fall 2018 to Spring 2019. The Skykomish Planning Commission will lead the periodic review process. The schedule for public participation will include these meetings and additional opportunities through public workshops and a public hearing which will be held prior to the Planning Commission making a recommendation to the Town Council for adoption of SMP amendments. The Town will coordinate with Department of Ecology to use the optional joint review process that includes both Town Council local adoption and Ecology final adoption.

The Skykomish SMP was significantly amended during the 2009-2014 comprehensive update and was approved by the Department of Ecology. That update included a study of the Maloney Creek Watershed and acknowledged the riverfront improvements completed during the BNSF cleanup. This 2019 periodic review is not expected to result in major changes to the goals, policies and regulations in the adopted SMP; rather it is more of a 'housekeeping' effort to ensure the local SMP keeps pace with changes to laws and rules, remains consistent with other Town plans and regulations, and is responsive to changes in local circumstances, new information and improved data..

Public Participation Goals

A Public Participation Plan (PPP) is required for this SMP periodic review to describe how the Town will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process. This PPP describes the steps that the Town will take to provide opportunities for public engagement and public comment, as well as Town of Skykomish contact information and web addresses. This PPP is in addition to any other minimum requirements for public participation required by Town of Skykomish. This PPP is a working document and will be adjusted as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation. Goals for public participation include:

- 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 Periodic Review process.

- Encourage interested parties to informally review and comment on proposed changes to the SMP throughout the process and provide those comments to decision makers.
- Provide forums for formal public input at project milestones prior to decision-making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Native American tribes.

Stakeholders

As the Shoreline Master Program is reviewed, key stakeholders will be involved. This includes individuals and organizations that may be affected by or have ideas about improving the shoreline environment. A variety of stakeholders will be contacted and be invited to participate in Skykomish meetings as part of the SMP periodic review process. These stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Shoreline property owners
- Citizens
- Planning Commission Members
- King County
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Natural Resources
- FEMA
- Affected Tribes such as Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie, Duwamish, Kikiallus or others; and
- Local community groups and organizations that have a particular interest in Skykomish shorelines (e.g. parks, utilities, infrastructure, building, realty, boating, environmental conservation, etc.).

Open House, Skykomish River Walk & Maloney Creek Walk, and Poster Session

These learning & listening events will provide occasions for Town folks to help identify concerns and restoration and/or access opportunities along the shoreline. All stakeholders, including school students will be encouraged to participate. The information gathered on the walks would be used to assess how well the SMP's restoration plan meets stakeholder needs. The Open House, immediately following the Creek Walk, will present the other draft SMP amendments and solicit public comments. Posters detailing the amendments will be available for viewing and in Town Hall for a week following the Open House. The Open House and River Walk and Creek Walk is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018, and the posters will be at Town Hall from November 30th through December 7th, with the opportunity to provide input.

Public Hearing and Joint Ecology Review

The Town has opted to conduct an optional joint review with the Department of Ecology. As allowed by WAC 173-26-104, joint review encompasses the following steps:

- Public and Planning Commission involvement early in the review process.
- A joint Skykomish/Ecology 30-day comment period followed by a joint Planning Commission/Ecology public hearing
- Planning Commission then considers the Response to Comments documentation, deliberates, and provides an adoption recommendation to Town Council
- This adoption SMP is submitted to Ecology

- Ecology conducts an Initial Determination of Consistency
- The Town Council considers the Planning Commission recommendation and the Ecology determination, deliberates, and then can approve local adoption
- The Final SMP package is submitted to Ecology by June 30, 2019
- Final Ecology review & approval
- The amended SMP officially takes effect 14 days later

Mailings & Website

Additional outreach for the project will be done through mailings to affected parties, postings on the Town's website at <http://www.skykomishwa.gov/home.html> and other notices on the process and upcoming meetings.

Planning Commission Meetings

Through the SMP periodic review process, the Skykomish Planning Commission will provide primary guidance for the review. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. The schedule for these meeting will be posted at Town Hall and sent out by email. Planning Commission meetings are generally held on the first Mondays of each month. Each meeting will provide information about the progress of the work. More definitive information regarding meeting agendas will be posted at Town Hall prior to the meetings. Please contact Town Hall or call 360-677-2388 for the latest information on Planning Commission meetings and the Shoreline Master Program periodic review project.

Schedule

The following is a general timeline including anticipated public participation opportunities. The Town will coordinate with Ecology throughout the process. Timeline details will be kept up-to-date on the website.

- October – December
Prepare draft documents | Open House | River Walk | Creek Walk | Poster Session
- January – March
Revise draft documents | Planning Commission Meetings | Mailings
- April – June
Comment Period & Public Hearing | Planning Commission Meetings | Town Council Meetings

Skykomish Shoreline Master Program Mailing List

If you would like to be included on the email list for the Skykomish Shoreline Master Program periodic review, please mail your contact information to:

**Town of Skykomish
Shoreline Master Program
119 4th Street N.
PO Box 308
Skykomish, WA 98288**

You may also email your contact information to:
townofsky@frontier.com

Please provide your:

- Name
- Stakeholder Affiliation
- Mailing Address
- Email Address

If you provide your information for both mail and email, the Town will defer to digital communication throughout the periodic review in order to save on postage costs unless you specify a preference for non-digital communication.

For questions about this SMP periodic review, contact Town of Skykomish at 360-677-2388 or clerk@skykomishwa.gov or Project Lead Talia Tittelfitz at talia.tittelfitz@bhccconsultants.com.

Skykomish's Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review

The Shoreline Management Act requires the Town of Skykomish to review, and revise if necessary, its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) at least once every eight years. The SMP was last updated in 2014 and must be reviewed by June 30, 2019. Review and possible revision is necessary to keep the SMP current with the rules and guidelines of the Department of Ecology, which are often amended. The SMP also needs to be consistent with the Town's most current Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. Six minor proposed changes to the SMP are summarized below. You are welcome to share any comments, questions, and concerns about these amendments.

Proposed Amendments to the Shoreline Master Program

1. Revise the cost threshold for substantial development to account for inflation since the last update. The threshold set by the Office of Financial Management is now \$7,047.
2. Retrofitting buildings to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act is now exempt from certain permit requirements, so add this to the list of statutory permit exemptions.
3. Revise the section describing the permit filing process to reflect Ecology's updated rules. This includes a minor change of the phrase "date of filing" to "date of receipt" for shoreline permits in order to be more precise.
4. Clarify that reasonable use provisions for ecologically critical areas do not apply to shorelines and address wetland mitigation banks for critical areas consistency.
5. Clarify that the SMP takes effect 14 days after the Department of Ecology's written notice of approval.
6. Create a new section to list exceptions to local review in order to keep it separate from the list of substantial development permit exemptions. This will minimize confusion about the two categories.

Next Steps

Participation of all people, private entities, tribes, and government agencies who have shoreline-related interests and responsibilities is encouraged throughout the planning process. Refer to the Public Participation Plan for more information about opportunities through in 2018 and 2019 to discuss the SMP. The Town will conduct a 30-day joint comment period and public hearing with the Department of Ecology before the Planning Commission. Planning Commission will recommend the SMP for adoption, Ecology will conduct a review of the recommended document, and then the Council will adopt the SMP amendments on or before June 30, 2019. After Ecology approves the adopted SMP, it will officially take effect 14 days later, and the decision may be appealed within a 60-day window.