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CLALLAM COUNTY SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE – DRAFT CONSISTENCY REVIEW REPORT

Clallam County is updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), which addresses shoreline use, natural resource protection, public access, and restoration along the County's larger rivers and streams, lakes 20 acres and larger, and shorelines of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. One of the first update tasks is to conduct a "consistency review" that evaluates how the 35-year old existing SMP meets current state requirements, how it addresses the range of development scenarios that are likely to occur in the foreseeable future, and also identifies gaps and inconsistencies and ways to improve clarity/administration to assist in the update process. The ***Draft Clallam County SMP Update - Consistency Review Report*** is available for review at the Clallam County Department of Community Development or online on the County's SMP update website at: http://www.clallam.net/RealEstate/html/shoreline_management.htm

Comments on the consistency review are encouraged and should be sent to: Shoreline Master Program Update, Department of Community Development, 223 East 4th Street, Port Angeles WA 98362; or emailed to smp@co.clallam.wa.us (please specify consistency review in subject line). Comments are requested to be received by Friday, June 3, 2011, to ensure consideration in finalizing the consistency review.

Other upcoming County shoreline update activities include a presentation by the County's consultant on the initial findings of the shoreline inventory and characterization to the Clallam County Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 18th, Clallam County Courthouse Room 160, Port Angeles, 6:30 p.m. The draft shoreline inventory and characterization report is expected to be completed for public review in mid to late-June. The County plans to schedule regional public forums in July to present the shoreline inventory findings. For more information on the County's shoreline update process, please visit the County web page above.