

# Clallam County Shoreline Master Program Update



Salt Creek and Tongue Point, 2006

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# Clallam County Shoreline Master Program:

In effect for  
over 40 years,  
with nine  
revisions.

## CLALLAM COUNTY SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

Prepared by The

CLALLAM COUNTY  
SHORELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

With Assistance from the

CLALLAM COUNTY DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING DIVISION

### ADOPTED:

By Clallam County Board of Commissioners: June 30, 1976  
By Washington State Department of Ecology: August 5, 1976

### REVISED:

By Washington State Department of Ecology:  
November 16, 1976  
August 10, 1979  
January 4, 1983  
March 27, 1984  
January 27, 1986  
June 3, 1986  
March 1, 1988  
October 31, 1989  
June 16, 1992

# Shoreline Master Program Purpose

- Reserve appropriate areas for water-oriented uses
- Promote public access opportunities
- Identify areas appropriate for restoration and preservation
- Help local governments avoid or lessen environmental damage as shoreline areas are developed



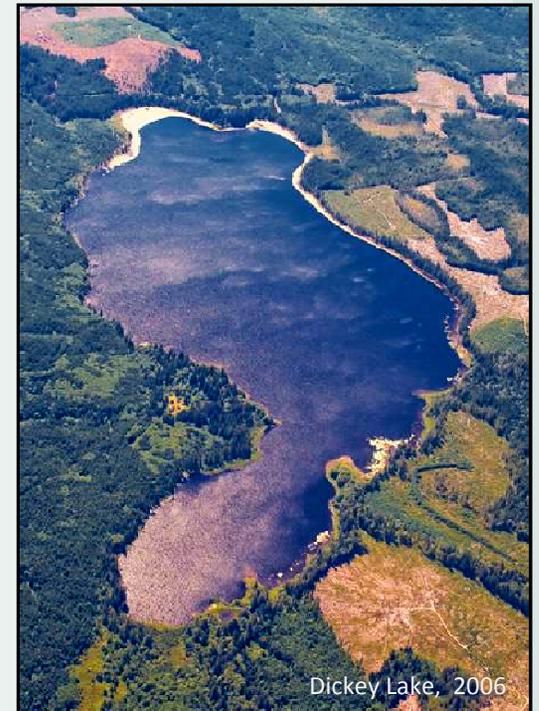
# Shoreline Master Program applies:

To all 39 counties and more than 200 cities that have "shorelines of the state" [RCW 90.58.030 (2)] within their jurisdictional boundaries.

Shorelines of the State means:

- All Marine waters;
- Streams greater than 20 cubic per second mean annual flow;
- Lakes 20 acres or larger;
- Shorelands - Upland areas extending 200 feet landward from the edge of these waters;

And...



# Shoreline Master Program applies: cont.

...the following areas when they are associated with one of the above:

- Some or all of the 100-year floodplain
- All wetlands within 100-year floodplain
- Wetlands
- River deltas



# Shoreline Master Program Update will:

- Integrate plans that address shoreline issues (flood management plans, critical areas ordinances, watershed plans, Puget Sound Action Agenda, etc.)
- Reduce erosion problems on our streams and beaches
- Increase flood protection
- Safeguard fish and wildlife habitat
- Improve water quality
- Increase water dependent uses and promote public access



Salt Creek, 2008

© North Olympic Lead Entity for Salmon

# Significance

- **Help protect water quality for our marine waters, lakes, and stream systems.**
- **Increase protection of lives and property from flood and landslide damage.**
- **Protect critical habitat as well as fish and wildlife.**
- **Promote recreational opportunities and public access in shoreline areas.**



Sol Duc, 2002

# New Key Standards

1. **Best Available Science**
2. **“No Net Loss” of ecological functions**
3. **Assessment of “reasonably foreseeable” cumulative impacts**
4. **Restoration Planning**



Elwha Fish Survey, 2001

# A Wealth of Data Sources



## • WAC 173-26 Part III Guidelines (100 pages!)

- Watershed plans, salmon recovery plans, flood hazard plans
- GIS layers and the data that creates them
- People who use shorelines for business
- People who use shorelines for recreation
- Reports and studies
- Shoreline landowners



# Differences Between GMA and SMA

## **Growth Management Act:**

- Requires the fastest growing counties in the state, and their cities, to formulate plans that align with 14 state goals.
- Founded on a local communities' values and objectives.
- GMA plans are presumed valid when approved by locals.

## **Shoreline Management Act:**

- Applies to cities and counties having "Shorelines of the State."
- Includes Critical Areas within the Shoreline jurisdiction.
- Balances statewide and local interests.
- Approved by local government *and* Ecology.

# Public Participation

## **Stakeholders:**

Maintain Interested Party Contact List

## **Media:**

Articles; Press Releases; Legal Notices

## **Regional Forums:**

Regular Public Outreach Forums

## **Designated SMP Email Address:**

[SMP@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:SMP@co.clallam.wa.us)

## **Designated SMP Website:**

**Ecology Website:** [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/index.html)

## **County Website:**

[www.clallam.net/RealEstate/html/shoreline\\_management.htm](http://www.clallam.net/RealEstate/html/shoreline_management.htm)





# Advisors and Partners

- Federal
- Tribal
- State
- Counties
- Cities
- Non-governmental Entities
- Watershed Planning Groups
- Local/Service Groups



## **Policy Advisory Group:**

**Marine Shorelines: Clallam Marine Resources Committee**

**Freshwater Shorelines: Clallam Workgroup/WRIA 20 Lead Entity**

## **Technical Advisory Group:**

**Marine Shorelines: Clallam Marine Resources Committee and Lead Entities**

**Freshwater Shorelines: Lead Entities/Watershed Planning Groups**

# County and Cities SMP Schedule

**Clallam County timeline is being updated.**

**Port Angeles, Sequim, and Forks are also scheduled to update their SMP.**



Port Angeles Waterfront and Ferry Terminal, 2006

# Clallam SMP Contact List

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West Twin "Mole", 2010

# Thank you



Dry Creek, 1994

## Questions?