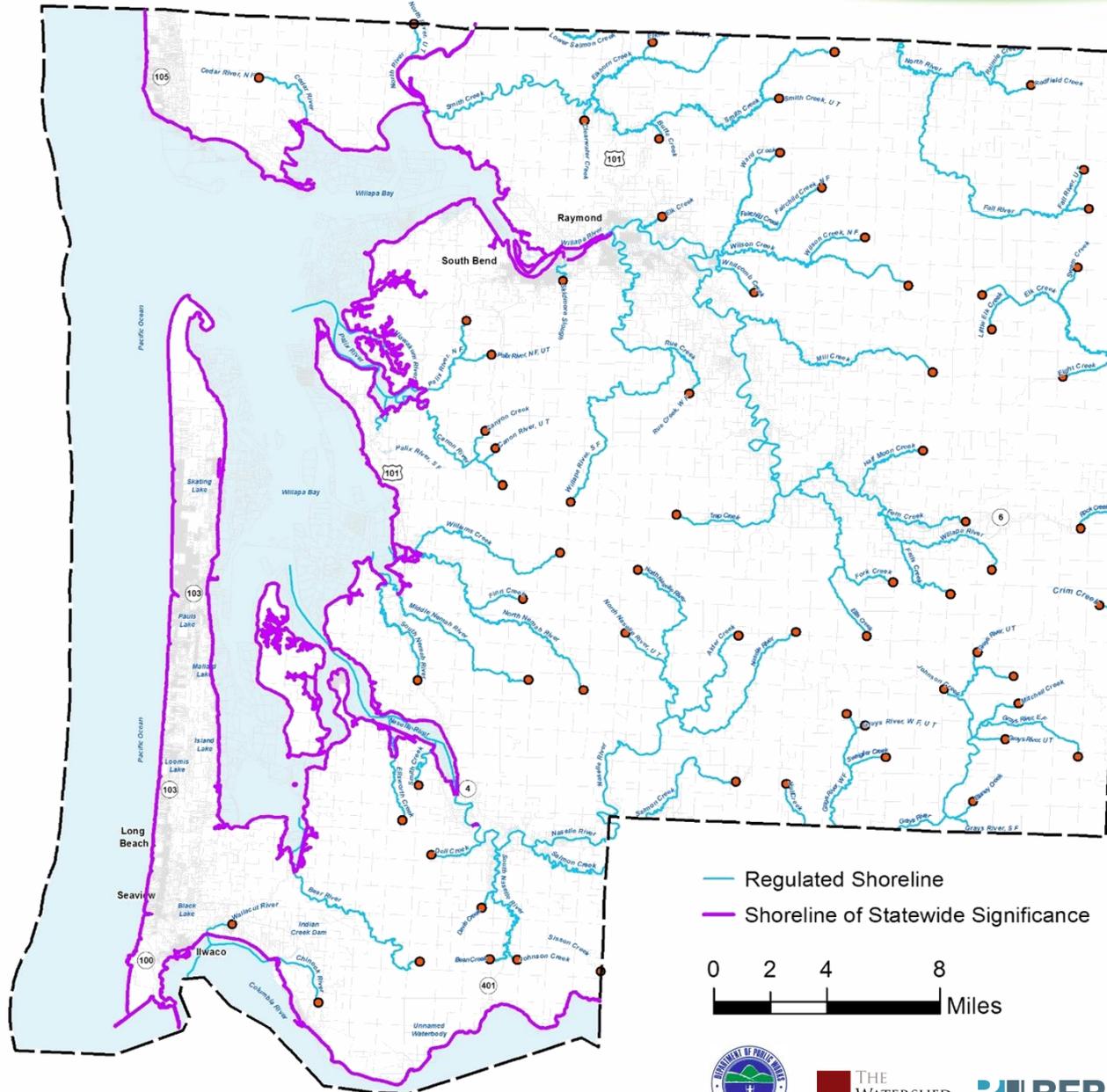


# SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE PACIFIC COUNTY



# Outline

- **Introduction**
- **Shoreline Management Act  
Background/Context**
  - **Shoreline Inventory, Analysis, &  
Characterization Report**
  - **Restoration Plan**
  - **Shoreline Master Program**
  - **Cumulative Impacts Analysis**



# Consultant Team

- ❖ The Watershed Company
- ❖ BERK (Land Use)
- ❖ Coast and Harbor Engineering (Physical Marine/Estuarine Science)

## Experience

- ❖ Shoreline Master Program Updates throughout WA State (50+)
- ❖ Critical Areas Updates (20+)
- ❖ Pacific County experience



# Role of Consultant Team

- ❖ Prepare supporting technical documents
- ❖ Draft SMP language and format based on substantial input from the Shoreline Planning Committee
- ❖ Draw from SMP and CAO experience to guide Pacific County in options and areas of flexibility to meet SMA standards
- ❖ Assist Pacific County in public adoption process



# Required Steps



# Shoreline Jurisdiction

## ❖ Waters

- Marine and estuarine waters
- Streams & rivers with mean annual flow of 20 cfs or greater
- Lakes 20 acres or larger

## ❖ Shorelands

- Upland areas 200 feet from OHWM
- Associated wetlands
- Floodway + 200 feet landward when in the 100 year floodplain

## ❖ Optional expansion

- Entire floodplain and buffers on associated wetlands (not included in draft SMP)
- Does not apply directly to federal actions or on federal lands/waters, but Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires consistency with SMP



# Shoreline Inventory and Characterization (SIAC)

- ❖ Identifies broad-scale shoreline ecological functions and impairments
- ❖ Summarizes current land use and likely future changes
- ❖ Lays foundation for environment designations and key issues to address in SMP
- ❖ Not a regulatory document



# Shoreline Restoration Plan

- ❖ Draws from existing plans and input from the SPC subcommittee
- ❖ Identifies projects, programs, funding sources, and general priorities
- ❖ Intent is to demonstrate a net improvement in functions
- ❖ Not a regulatory document (all opportunities identified are voluntary)



# Shoreline Master Program (SMP)

- ❖ Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58) and Shoreline Master Program Guidelines (WAC 173-26)
- ❖ Balance of required components/language and flexibility



# Key SMP Components

- ❖ Definitions
- ❖ Environment Designations
- ❖ General Policies and Regulations
  - ❖ Environmental Protection, Public Access, Flood Hazard Reduction, Water Quality
- ❖ Shoreline Uses and Modifications
  - ❖ Matrix of permitted uses
  - ❖ General Development Standards
- ❖ Coastal Ocean Uses and Modifications
- ❖ Administration

# Required

- ❖ Prioritize preferred uses
  - Water dependent
  - Water enjoyment
  - Water related
  - Single Family Development
- ❖ Promote public access
- ❖ Ensure No Net Loss of Ecological Function
  - ❖ Mitigation sequencing (Avoid, Minimize, Mitigate)
- ❖ OHWM defines extent of jurisdiction
- ❖ Specific definitions and standards from guidelines



## The SMP does not:

- ❖ Apply retroactively to existing development
- ❖ Require modifications to existing land uses or development
- ❖ Alter ongoing agricultural, aquacultural, or forestry activities
- ❖ Apply to activities that do not require a land use permit (fishing, shipping, etc)



# Examples of Flexibility

- ❖ Specificity of regulations
  - ❖ General regulations put burden on applicant/permitting staff to evaluate no net loss
  - ❖ Specific regulations reduce flexibility for applicant, but reduce/eliminate permitting burden
- ❖ Permitted Uses and Modifications by Environment Designation
- ❖ More restrictive standards
  - ❖ However, mitigation must be proportional to impacts
- ❖ Regulatory incentives
  - ❖ Ex: options to reduce buffers in exchange for shoreline restoration

# Cumulative Impacts Analysis

- ❖ Will SMP maintain no net loss of ecological functions?
  - ❖ Existing conditions
  - ❖ Anticipated land use changes
  - ❖ Anticipated changes to ecological conditions
  - ❖ Effects of SMP provisions
  - ❖ Effects of other programs and regulations

# Questions/Discussion

