



# *Pacific County* **PLANNING COMMISSION**

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## **MEETING AGENDA**

**Meeting:** February 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM

**Location:** Pacific County Courthouse, Superior Courtroom, 300 Memorial Avenue, South Bend

1. **Call to Order and Introduction of Planning Commission members & County staff**
2. **Review of Minutes**
  - a) January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016-not available at this time
  - b) January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016-not available at this time
3. **Correspondence**
  - a) Comment period open. Written testimony will be accepted until the opening of the public hearing on February 4<sup>th</sup>
4. **Public Hearing**
  - a) Continuation: Shoreline Master Program
    - i. Section 1: Introduction
    - ii. Section 8: Administration
    - iii. Miscellaneous Outstanding Issues
    - iv. Outstanding Issues from Testimony
5. **Old Business**
  - a) None
6. **New Business**
  - a) SMP adoption schedule
    - i. Thursday, February 18, 2016 SMP/CAO workshop, Long Beach, South District Courtroom, 6:00 p.m.
    - ii. Thursday, March 3, 2016 SMP recommendation hearing, Long Beach, South District Courtroom, 6:00 p.m.
7. **Adjournment**

## Staff Report

**Date:** February 4, 2016  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Tim Crose, Planning Director  
**RE:** Pacific County Shoreline Master Program Update

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### **Subject: Planning Commission Public Hearing: SMP Sections 1 and 8, and Remaining Outstanding Issues**

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of relevant information for the Planning Commission's fourth public hearing on the Pacific County Shoreline Master Program (SMP), to be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. For an overview of the SMP update process and hearing schedule, please refer to the staff report for the first public hearing, held on December 3, 2015.

This document provides a brief summary of each of the SMP sections to be addressed at the February 4<sup>th</sup> hearing, including purpose and applicability, major changes from the 2000 SMP, and outstanding issues for consideration by the Planning Commission.

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

##### *Purpose and applicability*

- Defines the purpose, authority, and applicability of the SMP as a whole.
- Defines a set of general management goals for shorelines of the state and shorelines of statewide significance.
- Describes how the SMP relates to and works with other relevant County, state, and federal regulations.

##### *Major changes from Existing Shoreline Master Program*

- Existing SMP does not contain general goals for protection and management priorities for shorelines of the state. Nine new goals have been developed and drafted in Section 1.5.B of the proposed SMP.
- Proposed SMP adopts by reference the County's Critical Areas Regulations for protection of critical areas in shoreline jurisdiction. These Critical Areas Regulations are currently under development.

##### *Outstanding Issues*

None.

None.

## **Section 8: Administration**

### *Purpose and applicability*

- Defines how the SMP will be implemented, detailing the permit application, review, and decision procedures for different types of shoreline permissions, including exemptions.
- Defines the process for periodic review and amendment of the SMP.
- Defines the process for monitoring shoreline permits and exemption activities in the County to evaluate whether implementation of the SMP is achieving no net loss of shoreline ecological functions over time.

### *Major changes from Existing Shoreline Master Program*

- Sections 24 and 28 of the existing SMP were consolidated and updated to better reflect current County procedures.
- Additional language was added to ensure consideration of cumulative impacts to the shoreline in the granting of conditional use permits and variances.

### *Outstanding Issues*

None.

None.

## **Miscellaneous Outstanding Issues**

The following is a list of changes and issues that have not yet been discussed by the Planning Commission, but that are located in SMP sections already addressed at a previous public hearing.

1. **Review of Oceans Subcommittee proposed edits.** The Oceans Subcommittee met on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to address a set of proposed revisions to the draft SMP. Several revisions were recommended for Planning Commission consideration, including additions and revisions to Section 2, Definitions; Section 3.2, Shoreline Environment Designations; Section 4.6, Water Quality; and Sections 5 and 6, Shoreline and Coastal Ocean Uses and Modifications. Revisions that align with the intent of the SMP were included, and have been provided electronically to the Planning Commission for review.

## Outstanding Issues from Testimony

The following is a list of issues and questions received through written or verbal testimony over the course of the hearing process.

1. **Should utility cables/conduits/corridors be prohibited in the Coastal Ocean and Willapa Bay Estuary environments?** Table 5-1 lists these uses as prohibited in the Coastal Ocean and Willapa Bay Estuary environments, with a footnote allowing for temporary structures and single-anchor structures as conditional uses (same approach as used for in-water structures and other fixed structures in the Coastal Ocean environment). The Planning Commission received written testimony from Public Utility District No. 2 of Pacific County on January 5<sup>th</sup> expressing concern over these broad prohibitions. (p.59)
2. **Review of Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations.** The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks) submitted a letter containing several recommendations for revisions to the draft SMP. Please see letter for details.
  - a. The revisions primarily address needed clarifications for definitions (Section 2), vegetation management (Section 4.5), and mining (Section 5.16), as well as a request to revise shoreline environment designations for certain areas of Cape Disappointment State Park from Natural to Coastal Conservancy to reflect existing developments.
  - b. The letter also includes a list of several recommendations for revisions to Table 5-1, Permitted Uses and Modifications by Environment Designation, to ensure consistency with existing State Parks uses and facilities. Partly in response to these recommendations, "Outdoor advertising and signs" has been moved in Table 5-1 out of "Commercial development" and into its own section, with added allowances for signs associated with permitted recreational development.
3. **Review of aquaculture industry recommendations.** Written testimony was received from representatives of the aquaculture industry, containing several recommendations for revisions to the draft SMP. The revisions primarily address added flexibility for aquaculture uses. In particular:
  - a. Revisions to the definition of new and existing aquacultural activities;
  - b. Allowances for fixed structures associated with aquaculture in the Coastal Ocean environment; and

- c. Allowances for clam and oyster shellpiles in the Natural, Shoreline Residential, and Coastal Conservancy environments (currently permitted only in Rural Conservancy, High Intensity, and Willapa Bay Conservancy environments); and inconsistency with allowances for “placement of gravel/shell material for aquaculture,” included in the table under Fill and Excavation.
- 4. In what capacity are non-water-dependent aquaculture activities permitted over water?** The County has received testimony from aquaculture growers concerned over how the SMP will address shellfish processing facilities in overwater structures. As drafted, such facilities are considered water-related and are permitted over water only when associated with a water-dependent overwater use. To provide further clarification in the draft SMP, the following revisions are proposed:
- a. Adding the following text to the definition of “WATER-RELATED USE” (Section 2, Definitions): “Examples of such uses and activities include, but are not limited to, warehousing of goods transported by water, fish and shellfish processing plants, or kayak rental facilities.”
  - b. Adding a footnote to the entry in Table 5-1 for “All other shellfish facilities,” where there is a “P” in the Freshwater Aquatic, Willapa Bay Estuary, and Columbia River Estuary environments, which reads: “All non-water-dependent overwater uses shall be associated with a water-dependent overwater use.”