

The City of Black Diamond and Washington State Department of Ecology welcome comments on Shoreline Master Program! The drafts are available for review, and the city is accepting comments during the 30-day review period, and at the June 20, 2019 public hearing.

### **What is a periodic update of the Shoreline Master Program?**

Black Diamond completed a comprehensive update of its Shoreline Master Program in 2014, with Washington State Department of Ecology approval. State law requires jurisdictions to review and update their SMPs every eight years in accordance with the Shoreline Management Act, RCW 90.58.080 (4) and its current guidelines and legislative rules. The City of Black Diamond is undertaking a periodic review of its SMP. The SMP update must be completed in the summer of 2019 and be approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

This periodic update will focus on:

- Reviewing relevant legislative updates since the 2010 SMP update and incorporating any applicable amendments;
- Ensuring consistency with the Black Diamond Comprehensive Plan;
- Reviewing a list of SMP code amendments compiled since adoption in 2010 and incorporating clarifications, interpretations, and changes to address issues that have come up with shoreline projects; and
- Updating critical areas regulations for areas within shorelines jurisdiction.

This periodic update will not:

- Re-evaluate the ecological baseline that was established as part of the 2014 SMP update;
- Extensively assess no net loss criteria other than to ensure that proposed amendments do not result in degradation of the baseline condition; or
- Change shoreline jurisdiction or environment designations

### **Process:**

- A “gap analysis,” based on Ecology’s checklist, was prepared that identified areas where the SMP is out of compliance with the current SMA Guidelines.
- On May 7, 2019, the Planning Commission held a public hearing where it voted to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amendments.
- The Black Diamond City Council and Department of Ecology will be hosting a Public Hearing on June 20, 2019, at 6:00PM, in the Black Diamond Council Chambers (Police Station), 25510 Lawson St. Black Diamond, WA

### **Public Comments:**

During the joint public comment period from May 14 through 5 p.m. on June 11, direct all written comments to Barbara Kincaid, AICP, Community Development Director ([bkincaid@blackdiamondwa.gov](mailto:bkincaid@blackdiamondwa.gov)). All comments received prior to the public hearing on June 20th will be forwarded to the City Council. At the public hearing, anyone may speak or submit written comments.

At the conclusion of the joint comment period, the city of Black Diamond will prepare a response to comments and determine whether changes to the SMP amendments are necessary. Public comments and City of Black Diamond responses will be provided to Ecology. After local adoption by the Black Diamond City Council, the SMP amendments will be formally submitted to Ecology for final action per WAC 13-26-104 and WAC 173-26-110. Ecology will review amendments for consistency with state laws

and rules. Ecology may either approve the program as adopted or may recommend changes necessary for approval.

**For more information:**

You may view the official file at the Community Development Department or contact Barbara Kincaid, AICP, Community Development Director at (360) 851-4500. More information is also available at the project web page.