



SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM EXEMPTION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The following activities, when they occur within the 200 feet of designated shoreline area, do not require a Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit, but do require written confirmation by the Community Development Department that they are exempt in accordance with Black Diamond Shoreline Master Program (SMP), Chapter 6, Section D Exemptions:

2. The following list outlines twelve (12) exemptions that shall not be considered substantial developments for the purpose of this SMP:
 - a. Any development of which the total cost or fair market value, whichever is higher, does not exceed seven thousand fourty seven (\$7,047) dollars, if such development does not materially interfere with the normal public use of the water or "shorelines of statewide significance." The dollar threshold established in this subsection must be adjusted for inflation by the Office of Financial Management every five years, beginning July 1, 2007, based upon changes in the consumer price index during that time period. The total cost or fair market value of the development shall include the fair market value of any donated, contributed or found labor, equipment or materials;
 - b. Normal maintenance or repair of existing structures or developments, including damage by accident, fire, or elements. "Normal maintenance" includes those usual acts to prevent a decline, lapse, or cessation from a lawfully established condition. "Normal repair" means to restore a development to a state comparable to its original condition within a reasonable period after decay or partial destruction. Replacement of a structure or development may be authorized as repair where such replacement is the common method of repair for the type of structure or development and the replacement structure or development is comparable to the original structure or development including, but not limited to, its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance and the replacement does not cause substantial adverse effects to shoreline resources or environment;
 - c. Construction of a normal protective bulkhead common to single family residences. A "normal protective bulkhead" includes those structural and nonstructural developments installed at or near, and parallel to the ordinary high-water mark for the sole purpose of protecting an existing single-family residence and appurtenant structures from loss or damage by erosion. A normal protective bulkhead is not exempt if constructed for the purpose of creating dry land. When a vertical or near vertical wall is being constructed or reconstructed, not more than one cubic yard of fill per one foot of wall may be used as backfill. When an existing bulkhead is being repaired by construction of a vertical wall fronting the existing wall, it shall be constructed no further waterward of the existing bulkhead than is necessary for construction of new footings. When a bulkhead has deteriorated such that an ordinary high-water mark has been established by the presence and action of water landward of the bulkhead, then the replacement bulkhead must be

located at or near the actual ordinary high-water mark. Beach nourishment and bioengineered erosion control projects may be considered a normal protective bulkhead when any structural elements are consistent with the above requirements and when the project has been approved by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife;

- d. Emergency construction necessary to protect property from damage by the elements. An "emergency" is an unanticipated and imminent threat to public health, safety, or the environment which requires immediate action within a time too short to allow full compliance with the Act or this Master Program. Emergency construction does not include development of new permanent protective structures where none previously existed. Where new protective structures are deemed by the Shoreline Administrator to be the appropriate means to address the emergency, upon abatement of the emergency situation the new structure shall be removed or any permit which would have been required, absent an emergency, pursuant to the Act and this Master Program, obtained. All emergency construction shall be consistent with the policies of the Act and this Master Program. As a general matter, flooding or other seasonal events that can be anticipated and may occur but that are not imminent are not an emergency;
- e. Construction by an owner, lessee, or contract purchaser of a single-family residence for their own use or for the use of their family, which residence does not exceed a height of thirty-two (32) feet above average grade level and meets all requirements of the City of Black Diamond having jurisdiction thereof, other than requirements imposed pursuant to the Act. "Single-family residence" means a detached dwelling designed for and occupied by one family including those structures and developments within a contiguous ownership which are a normal appurtenance. An "appurtenance" is necessarily connected to the use and enjoyment of a single-family residence and is located landward of the ordinary high-water mark and the perimeter of a wetland. Normal appurtenances include a garage, deck, driveway, utilities, fences, installation of a septic tank and drain field, and grading which does not exceed two hundred fifty cubic yards and which does not involve placement of fill in any wetland or waterward of the ordinary high-water mark. Construction authorized under this exemption shall be located landward of the ordinary high-water mark and shall be subject to required setbacks.
- f. Construction of a dock, including a community dock, designed for pleasure craft only, for the private noncommercial use of the owner, lessee, or contract purchaser of single-family and multiple-family residences. A dock is a landing and moorage facility for watercraft and does not include recreational decks, storage facilities or other appurtenances. This exception applies if the fair market value of the dock does not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$22,500), but if subsequent construction having a fair market value exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) occurs within five years of completion of the prior construction, the subsequent construction shall be considered a substantial development for the purpose of this chapter.

- g. The marking of property lines or corners on state owned lands, when such marking does not significantly interfere with the normal public use of the surface waters;
- h. Any project with certification from the Governor pursuant to Chapter 80.50 RCW.
- i. Site exploration and investigation activities that are prerequisite to preparation of an application for development authorization under this chapter, if:
 - i. The activity does not interfere with the normal public use of the surface waters;
 - ii. The activity will have no significant adverse impact on the environment including but not limited to fish, wildlife, fish or wildlife habitat, water quality, and aesthetic values;
 - iii. The activity does not involve the installation of any structure, and upon completion of the activity the vegetation and land configuration of the site are restored to conditions existing before the activity;
 - iv. A private entity seeking development authorization under this section, first posts a performance bond or provides other evidence of financial responsibility to the local jurisdiction to ensure that the site is restored to preexisting conditions.
- j. The process of removing or controlling aquatic noxious weeds, as defined in RCW 17.26.020, through the use of an herbicide or other treatment methods applicable to weed control that are recommended by a final environmental impact statement published by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Ecology jointly with other state agencies under chapter 43.21C RCW;
- k. Watershed restoration projects as defined in WAC 173-27-040(o)(i). The Shoreline Administrator shall review the projects for consistency with the SMP in an expeditious manner and shall issue its decision along with any conditions within forty-five (45) days of receiving all materials necessary to review the request for exemption from the applicant. No fee may be charged for accepting and processing requests for exemption for watershed restoration projects.
- l. A public or private project that is designed to improve fish or wildlife habitat or fish passage, when all of the requirements of WAC 173-27-040(p) apply. No local government may require permits or charge fees for fish habitat enhancement projects that meet the criteria identified in WAC 173-27-040(p) and that are reviewed and approved according to the provisions of this section.

Submittal Requirements:

- Planning Permit Master Application form
- Certification and Transfer of Applicant Status form
- 2 Copies of a Site Plan and Elevation drawing including the following information in a scale of no less than 1"=20':
 - a. Lot boundary lines and dimensions
 - b. Dimensions and locations of existing and/or proposed structures
 - c. Location of existing and proposed utilities such as sewer, septic tanks, drain fields, water, gas, and electricity.
 - d. Elevations of existing and proposed structures.
 - e. Location of Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM)
- 2 Copies of a small-scale vicinity map.
- Permit Fee

Questions:

Please call the Community Development Department at 360-886-5700 if you have any questions regarding the application form or submittal requirements.