

## ORDINANCE NO. 598-2021

### LOCALLY ADOPTING KITSAP COUNTY'S SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM, TITLE 22 KCC AND AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19 AND 21 KCC FOR CONSISTENCY

#### **BE IT ORDAINED:**

Section 1. **General Findings.** The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings regarding the local adoption of the Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program and associated amendments to Kitsap County Code Title 19, and 21 for consistency:

1. Kitsap County's Shoreline Master Program, Title 22 KCC (SMP) implements the requirements of Chapter 90.58 RCW, the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA or the Act), and Chapter 36.70A RCW, the Growth Management Act (GMA).
2. Periodic reviews of the Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program are required by RCW 90.58.080. Kitsap County shall amend the Shoreline Master Program for regulation of uses of the shorelines of the state consistent with the required elements of the guidelines adopted by the Department of Ecology in accordance with the schedule established by RCW 90.58.080.4, for Kitsap County, on or before June 30, 2021.
3. Pursuant to RCW 90.58.080 the periodic review established by the SMA is to:
  - a. Assure that the master program complies with applicable law and guidelines in effect at the time of the review; and
  - b. Assure consistency of the master program with the local government's comprehensive plan and development requirements adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, if applicable, and other local requirements.
4. RCW 90.58.080 directs local governments to develop and administer local shoreline master programs for the regulation of uses on shorelines of the state. RCW 36.70A.480 provides that the goals and policies contained in a local shoreline master program shall be considered an element of the local comprehensive plan required by GMA. All other portions of the local shoreline master program, including the regulations, are to be considered a part of the local development regulations required by GMA.
5. RCW 90.58.050 provides that the Act is intended to establish a cooperative program between local government and the state. Local governments have primary responsibility for planning and administering the regulatory program, and the state, through the Department of Ecology (Ecology), has a supportive and review role with an emphasis on assisting local governments and ensuring compliance with the Act.

6. In Ecology's supportive role, RCW 90.58.060 and RCW 90.58.200 authorize Ecology to adopt guidelines as necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Act. Chapter 173-26 WAC provides these guidelines as the minimum procedural requirements for updating local programs but recognizes that some procedural systems can be based on local needs and circumstances. RCW 90.58.080 requires a local SMP be consistent with these guidelines.
7. Under RCW 90.58.090, the Department of Ecology must approve master programs prepared by local governments or adopt them by rule consistent with the Act.
8. Kitsap County's local master program was first adopted in 1976, and last amended in 2014.
9. This update is prepared in accordance with Chapter 173-26 WAC to satisfy the requirements therein and in the Act.

**Section 2. General Procedural Findings.** The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings regarding the process and public participation aspects for amending Kitsap County's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for Periodic Review:

1. On October 20, 2020, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning Commission was briefed on the scope of work and timeline for the Shoreline Master Program periodic review process.
2. On October 28, 2020, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and approved the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Public Participation Plan. Public outreach regarding the proposed amendments was conducted through:
  - a. A dedicated web page and online open house portal;
  - b. Legal notices published in the official newspaper of record for Kitsap County;
  - c. Monthly project updates and community question and answer time offered virtually throughout the periodic review process;
  - d. Announcements posted to subscribers of [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and Facebook in Kitsap County;
  - e. Electronic announcements and notifications to:
    - i. Subscribers of relevant GovDelivery lists in the Kitsap County Electronic Notification System;
    - ii. Relevant Kitsap County advisory groups; and
    - iii. Relevant local, state and federal agencies, and community groups;
  - f. Notification letters to federally recognized tribes with usual and accustomed areas in Kitsap County and relevant tribal organizations;
  - g. Meetings with citizen advisory groups and various interested parties.
3. On October 30, 2020, the Public Participation Plan was submitted to and approved by Ecology.

4. From November 2020 to June 2021, the Department of Community Development sent an electronic notification via GovDelivery announcement to all subscribers of the SMP topic, Commissioner District newsletters, and numerous code update topic subscribers announcing the kick-off of the SMP periodic review process and how to participate and stay engaged.
5. On November 25, 2020, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and approved a proposed scope of code amendments noted in the Consistency Analysis Report.
6. On December 17, 2020; January 21, 2021; February 18, 2021; March, 18, 2021; April 15, 2021; and May 20, 2021; following timely and effective notice, the Department of Community Development conducted virtual monthly project update meetings about the Shoreline Master Program periodic review process, soliciting and answering live questions from members of the public.
7. In January 2021, following timely and effective notice, the Department of Community Development provided briefings and outreach to the Kingston, Manchester, and Suquamish citizen advisory groups; tribes; and community groups.
8. On January 19, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Department of Community Development provided a status update, and reviewed with the Planning Commission preliminary approaches for draft amendments to several sections of the Shoreline Master Program and related codes.
9. On January 25, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Department of Community Development reviewed and discussed with the Board of County Commissioners preliminary approaches to all proposed draft amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and related codes to kick off discussions and receive initial feedback.
10. On January 27, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Department of Community Development provided a status update and shared with the Planning Commission the project webpage.
11. On January 28, 2021, the Department of Community Development sent formal letters via email about the public comment period and public hearing to partners and interested parties including tribes, cities, counties, special districts, community groups, environmental groups, and state and federal agencies.
12. From February 2 to March 3, 2021, following timely and effective public notice, the Kitsap County Planning Commission and Department of Ecology held a joint public comment period on the proposed amendments, staff report, and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination. Ecology and the County received twenty comments via email, the online open house comment portal and public hearing testimony.

13. On February 2, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning Commission held a work study session on the proposed draft amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and related codes. Department staff provided an overview of the proposed code amendments to Titles 15, 19, 21, and 22.
14. On February 5, 2021, the Department of Community Development submitted a 60-day notice of intent to adopt amendment to Washington State Department of Commerce in accordance with RCW 36.70A.106 and WAC 173-26-100(5).
15. On February 15, 2021, Kitsap County issued a Notice of Public Hearing in the legal publication of record regarding the content of the proposed amendments before the Planning Commission.
16. On February 16, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning Commission held a second work study session on the proposed draft amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and related codes. This was an opportunity to discuss the proposed draft amendments prior to the March 2, 2021 joint public hearing Ecology and subsequent deliberations.
17. On February 18, 2021, Kitsap County issued a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) per WAC-197-11-340(2). The SEPA comment and appeal period closed on March 4, 2021. The Department received one SEPA comment letter from the Suquamish Tribe, which also served as the Tribe's comment letter for the Shoreline Master Program draft proposed amendments and related codes.
18. On March 2, 2021, following timely and effective legal notice, the Planning Commission held a joint public hearing with the Department of Ecology to consider testimony on the proposed draft amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and related codes.
19. On March 16 and April 6, 2021, during regularly scheduled and properly noticed meetings, the Planning Commission deliberated on proposed amendments to KCC Titles 15, 19, 21 and 22, public comments received, and the record, and made recommendations via approved motions during deliberations. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the draft SMP and related text amendments, incorporating the text revisions voted on during the deliberation meetings.
20. On March 19, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Department of Community Development briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the public comments received during the joint Planning Commission and Ecology comment period and public hearing.
21. On April 6, 2021, the Department of Community Development issued a draft No Net Loss Addendum for the Planning Commission deliberations.
22. On April 9, 2021, following the Planning Commission's final deliberation, the Department of Community Development submitted draft Planning Commission recommendation, draft No Net

Loss Addendum, and public comment matrix to Ecology for initial determination. The Planning Commission recommendation was merged with the Department's comments before submittal to Ecology.

23. On April 20, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning Commission adopted findings of fact, as required by Kitsap County Code 21.08.100(F), that the Planning Commission recommended amendments:
  - a. Are supported by the Capital Facilities Plan;
  - b. Are consistent with the GMA, the Countywide Planning Policies, The Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable laws and policies;
  - c. Are consistent with the applicable decision criteria in Kitsap County code 21.08.070, as demonstrated in the findings and conclusions of the staff report and adopted herein;
  - d. Reflect current local circumstances; and
  - e. Promote the public interest and welfare of the citizens of Kitsap County.
24. On April 28, 2021, the Department of Community Development forwarded the Planning Commission findings of fact and recommendation to the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners for consideration.
25. On May 5, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners was provided an overview of the proposed ordinance which included amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and related amendments in Titles 15, 19, and 21.
26. On May 12, 2021, Kitsap County issued a Notice of Public Hearing in the legal publication of record regarding the content of the proposed ordinance before the Board of County Commissioners.
27. From May 12 to May 26, 2021, following timely and effective public notice, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners held a public comment period on the proposed ordinance and staff report. The County received 13 comments via email, the online open house comment portal and public hearing testimony.
28. On May 18, 2021, after collaborative discussion with Kitsap County, the Department of Ecology issued its initial determination for Kitsap County's draft Shoreline Master Program.
29. On May 24, 2021, following timely and effective legal public notice, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance.
30. On June 7, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and property noticed meeting, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners considered the proposed ordinance, the findings and recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Department recommendation and analysis in the staff report, the public testimony provided, and the record.

31. One June 28, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners concluded its deliberation and voted on this ordinance.

**Section 3. General Substantive Findings.** The Kitsap County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings regarding Kitsap County’s Shoreline Master Program (SMP) codified in Title 22 and associated amendments required for consistency in Title 19 (Critical Areas Ordinance), and Title 21 (Land Use and Development Procedures).

1. The SMP is consistent with the 14 statewide planning goals contained within the Act, in particular planning goal number 14 (Goals and policies of the Shoreline Management Act) per RCW 36.70A.480.
2. The SMP is consistent with, the County Wide Planning Policies adopted May 11, 2015 and the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, in particular the Environmental Element of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.
3. The SMP is supported by the Capital Facilities Plan, which concludes that projected levels of service standards for shoreline public access are currently being met. The SMP contains a shoreline environment designation system designed to reflect current and future Urban Growth Area boundaries.
4. During the SMP Periodic Review, Kitsap County actively encouraged early and continuous public involvement consistent with the Act, the Guidelines and GMA, including RCW 90.58.130, RCW 36.70A.035, RCW 36.70A.130, WAC 173-26-090 and WAC 173-26-100.
5. Kitsap County has complied with the State Environmental Policy Act, Ch. 43.21C RCW.
6. The adoption and implementation of SMP Periodic Review amendments are expected to result in no net loss of shoreline ecological functions over time.
7. The proposed amendments promote the public interest and welfare of the citizens of Kitsap County.

**Section 4. Local Adoption.**

1. The Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program (Kitsap County Code Title 22), is repealed and replaced with the Shoreline Master Program attached hereto as Appendix 1 (shown in redline/strikeout), which is hereby locally approved as required in WAC 173-26-100.
2. This locally approved SMP must be forwarded to and reviewed by the Washington State Department of Ecology for final review and approval in accordance with WAC 173-26-110.

**Section 5.** For consistency, Kitsap County Code Section 19.200.210, last amended by Ordinance No. 545-2017, is amended as follows:

**19.200.210 Wetland identification and functional rating.**

A. General.

1. All wetland delineations shall be done in accordance with the approved federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplement. All areas within the county meeting the wetland designation criteria are hereby designated critical areas and are subject to the provisions of this title.
2. Kitsap County uses the Washington Department of Ecology Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington, revised 2014 or as hereafter amended, to categorize wetlands for the purposes of establishing wetland buffer widths, wetland uses and replacement ratios for wetlands. Wetlands shall be generally designated as follows. (See Chapter 19.800, Appendix A, for more detailed description.)

B. Wetlands.

1. Category I Wetlands. Category I wetlands include, but are not limited to, wetlands that represent rare or unique wetland types, those that are more sensitive to disturbance than most wetlands, those that are relatively undisturbed and contain ecological attributes that are impossible to replace within a human lifetime, or those that provide a high level of function. Category I wetlands score twenty-three points or more out of twenty-seven on the wetlands ratings system.
2. Category II Wetlands. Category II wetlands are those wetlands that are more difficult to replace and provide high levels of some functions. Category II wetlands score between twenty and twenty-two points out of twenty-seven on the wetlands ratings system.
3. Category III Wetlands. Category III wetlands are those wetlands with a moderate level of function and can often be adequately replaced with mitigation. Category III wetlands score between sixteen and nineteen points on the wetlands ratings system.
4. Category IV Wetlands. Category IV wetlands have the lowest level of function and are often heavily disturbed. Category IV wetlands score less than sixteen points out of twenty-seven on the wetlands ratings system.

C. Exemptions for Small Wetlands. Category III wetlands that are less than ~~one thousand two thousand five hundred~~ square feet and Category IV wetlands that are less than ~~four thousand seven thousand five hundred~~ square feet ~~that do not contain federally listed species or their critical habitat~~ are exempt from the buffer provisions in this chapter when the following are met:

1. They are isolated wetlands and not part of a wetland mosaic;
2. They are not associated with riparian areas or their buffers;
23. They are not associated with shorelines of the state or their associated buffers;
34. They do not contain a Class I fish and wildlife habitat conservation area, identified by the

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; ~~and~~

5. They do not contain federally listed species or their critical habitat; and

46. ~~The A~~ wetland report is prepared that identifies the specific wetland function affected or at risk, and ~~the provides proposed~~ mitigation to replace the affected or lost wetland function, on a per function basis.

Section 6. For consistency, Kitsap County Code Section 19.200.220, last amended by Ordinance 545-2017, is amended as follows:

**19.200.220 Wetland buffer requirements.**

A. Determining Buffer Widths. The following buffer widths are based on three factors: the wetland category, the intensity of the impacts, and the functions or special characteristics of the wetland that need to be protected as established through the rating system. These factors must be determined by a qualified wetland professional using the Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 Update (Ecology Publication No. 14-06-029, or as revised and approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology). If a wetland meets more than one of the characteristics listed in Tables 19.200.220(B) through (E), the greater of the buffers recommended to protect the wetland is applied. Buffers shall be measured horizontally from a perpendicular line established at the wetland edge based on the buffer width identified using the tables below.

**Table 19.200.220(A)  
Land Use Impact “Intensity” Based on Development Types**

<b>Rating of Impact From Proposed Changes in Land Use</b>	<b>Examples of Land Uses That Cause the Impact Based on Common Zoning Categories</b>
High	Commercial, urban, industrial, institutional, retail sales, residential subdivisions with more than 1 unit/acre, new agriculture (high-intensity processing such as dairies, nurseries and greenhouses, raising and harvesting crops requiring annual tilling, raising and maintaining animals), new transportation corridors, high-intensity recreation (golf courses, ball fields), hobby farms
Moderate	Single-family residential lots, residential subdivisions with 1 unit/acre or less, moderate-intensity open space (parks), new agriculture (moderate-intensity such as orchards and hay fields), transportation enhancement projects
Low	Forestry, open space (low-intensity such as passive recreation and natural resources preservation, minor transportation improvements)



**Table 19.200.220(B)**  
**Width of Buffers for Category IV Wetlands**

<b>Wetland Characteristics</b>	<b>Buffer Width by Impact of Proposed Land Use</b>	<b>Other Measures Recommended for Protection</b>
Score for all 3 basic functions is less than 16 points	Low – 25 feet Moderate – 40 feet High – 50 feet	None

**Table 19.200.220(C)**  
**Width of Buffers for Category III Wetlands**

<b>Wetland Characteristics</b>	<b>Buffer Width by Impact of Proposed Land Use</b>	<b>Other Measures Recommended for Protection</b>
Moderate level of function for habitat ( <del>6-5</del> – 7 points)*	Low – 75 feet Moderate – 110 feet High – 150 feet	None
Score for habitat 3 – <del>4</del> <u>5</u> points	Low – 40 feet Moderate – 60 feet High – 80 feet	None

\*If wetland scores 8 – 9 habitat points, use Table 19.200.220(D) for Category II buffers.

**Table 19.200.220(D)**  
**Width of Buffers for Category II Wetlands**

<b>Wetland Characteristics</b>	<b>Buffer Width by Impact of Proposed Land Use (most protective applies if more than one criterion met)</b>	<b>Other Measures Recommended for Protection</b>
High level of function for habitat (score 8 – 9 points)	Low – 150 feet Moderate – 225 feet High – 300 feet	Maintain connections to other habitat areas
Moderate level of function for habitat ( <del>6-5</del> – 7 points)	Low – 75 feet Moderate – 110 feet High – 150 feet	None
High level of function for water quality improvement (8 – 9 points) and low for habitat (less	Low – 50 feet Moderate – 75 feet High – 100 feet	No additional surface discharges of untreated runoff

<b>Wetland Characteristics</b>	<b>Buffer Width by Impact of Proposed Land Use (most protective applies if more than one criterion met)</b>	<b>Other Measures Recommended for Protection</b>
than 6 5 points)		
Estuarine	Low – 75 feet Moderate – 110 feet High – 150 feet	None
Interdunal	Low – 75 feet Moderate – 110 feet High – 150 feet	None
Not meeting above characteristics	Low – 50 feet Moderate – 75 feet High – 100 feet	None

**TABLE 19.200.220(E)**  
**Width of Buffers for Category I Wetlands**

<b>Wetland Characteristics</b>	<b>Buffer Width by Impact of Proposed Land Use (most protective applies if more than one criterion met)</b>	<b>Other Measures Recommended for Protection</b>
Wetlands of high conservation value	Low – 125 feet Moderate – 190 feet High – 250 feet	No additional surface discharges to wetland or its tributaries No septic systems within 300 feet of wetland Restore degraded parts of buffer
Bogs	Low – 125 feet Moderate – 190 feet High – 250 feet	No additional surface discharges to wetland or its tributaries Restore degraded parts of buffer
Forested	Buffer width to be based on score for habitat functions or water quality functions	If forested wetland scores high for habitat (8 – 9 points), need to maintain connections to other habitat areas Restore degraded parts of buffer
Estuarine	Low – 100 feet Moderate – 150 feet High – 200 feet	None

Wetland Characteristics	Buffer Width by Impact of Proposed Land Use (most protective applies if more than one criterion met)	Other Measures Recommended for Protection
Wetlands in coastal lagoons	Low – 100 feet Moderate – 150 feet High – 200 feet	None
High level of function for habitat (8 – 9 points)	Low – 150 feet Moderate – 225 feet High – 300 feet	Maintain connections to other habitat areas Restore degraded parts of buffer
Interdunal wetland with high level of function for habitat (8 – 9 points)	Low – 150 feet Moderate – 225 feet High – 300 feet	Maintain connections to other habitat areas Restore degraded parts of buffer
Moderate level of function for habitat (6 – 7 points)	Low – 75 feet Moderate – 110 feet High – 150 feet	None
High level of function for water quality improvement (8 – 9 points) and low for habitat (less than 6 points)	Low – 50 feet Moderate – 75 feet High – 100 feet	None
Not meeting any of the above characteristics	Low – 50 feet Moderate – 75 feet High – 100 feet	None

B. Modification of Buffer Widths. The following modifications to buffer widths may be considered provided the applicant first demonstrates that reductions or alterations to the required wetland buffer cannot be avoided, minimized or mitigated (in that order):

1. Buffer Averaging. Standard buffer widths may be modified by the department for a development proposal first by averaging buffer widths, but only where the applicant can demonstrate that such averaging can clearly provide as great or greater functions and values as would be provided under the standard buffer. The following standards shall apply to buffer averaging:
  - a. The decrease in buffer width is minimized by limiting the degree or magnitude of the regulated activity.
  - b. For wetlands and/or required buffers associated with documented habitat for endangered, threatened, or sensitive fish or wildlife species, a habitat assessment report has been submitted that demonstrates that the buffer modification will not result in an adverse impact to the species of study.
  - c. Width averaging will not adversely impact the wetland.

- d. The total buffer area after averaging is no less than the total buffer area prior to averaging.
- e. For Category III and IV wetlands with habitat scores less than five points for habitat function based on the Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: 2014 update, as amended, the minimum buffer width at any point will not be less than fifty percent of the widths established after the categorization is done and any buffer adjustments applied in accordance with this chapter.
- f. For all other wetlands, the minimum buffer width at any point will not be less than seventy-five percent of the widths established after the categorization is done and any buffer adjustments applied in accordance with this chapter.
- g. If significant trees are identified, such that their drip line extends beyond the reduced buffer edge, the following tree protection requirements must be followed:
  - i. A tree protection area shall be designed to protect each tree or tree stand during site development and construction. Tree protection areas may vary widely in shape, but must extend a minimum of five feet beyond the existing tree canopy area along the outer edge of the dripline of the tree(s), unless otherwise approved by the department.
  - ii. Tree protection areas shall be added and clearly labeled on all applicable site development and construction drawings submitted to the department.
  - iii. Temporary construction fencing at least thirty inches tall shall be erected around the perimeter of the tree protection areas prior to the initiation of any clearing or grading. The fencing shall be posted with signage clearly identifying the tree protection area. The fencing shall remain in place through site development and construction.
  - iv. No clearing, grading, filling or other development activities shall occur within the tree protection area, except where approved in advance by the department and shown on the approved plans for the proposal.
  - v. No vehicles, construction materials, fuel, or other materials shall be placed in tree protection areas. Movement of any vehicles within tree protection areas shall be prohibited.
  - vi. No nails, rope, cable, signs, or fencing shall be attached to any tree proposed for retention in the tree protection area.
  - vii. The department may approve the use of alternate tree protection techniques if an equal or greater level of protection will be provided.

2. Administrative Buffer Reductions. Standard buffer widths may be modified by the department for a development proposal by reducing buffers, but only where buffer averaging is not feasible and the applicant can demonstrate that such is the minimum necessary to accommodate the permitted use and that the reduction can clearly provide as great or greater functions and values as would be provided under the standard buffer requirement. This may be

accomplished through enhancement of a degraded buffer. The following standards shall apply to buffer reductions:

- a. The department may administratively reduce the buffer pursuant to the variance criteria listed in Section 19.100.135. Applicants may propose to utilize provisions contained in KCC 19.200.230.
- b. For proposed single-family dwellings, the department may administratively reduce a buffer by up to twenty-five percent of the area required under the standard buffer requirement, but not less than thirty feet.
- c. For all other proposed uses, the department may administratively reduce the buffer by up to twenty-five percent of the area required under the standard buffer requirement, but not less than forty feet.
- d. To minimize impacts and provide equivalent functions and values as required by this section, applicants may propose:
  - i. Enhancement of existing degraded buffer area and replanting of the disturbed buffer area;
  - ii. The use of alternative on-site wastewater systems in order to minimize site clearing;
  - iii. Infiltration of storm water where soils permit; and
  - iv. Retention of existing native vegetation on other portions of the site in order to offset habitat loss from buffer reduction.
  - v. To utilize provisions contained in KCC 19.200.230.
- e. The buffer widths recommended for proposed land uses with high-intensity impacts to wetlands can be reduced to those recommended for moderate-intensity impacts under the following conditions:
  - i. For wetlands that score moderate or high for habitat (five points or more for habitat functions), the width of the buffer can be reduced if both of the following criteria are met:
    - (A) A relatively undisturbed, vegetated corridor at least one hundred feet wide is protected between the wetland and any other priority habitats as defined by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The corridor must be protected for the entire distance between the wetland and the priority habitat by some type of legal protection such as a conservation easement.
    - (B) Measures to minimize the impacts of different land uses on wetlands, such as the examples summarized in Table 19.200.220(F).
  - ii. For wetlands that score less than five points for habitat, the buffer width can be reduced to that required for moderate land use impacts by applying measures to minimize

the impacts of the proposed land uses, such as the examples summarized in Table 19.200.220(F).

**Table 19.200.220(F)  
Examples of Measures to Minimize Impacts to Wetlands**

<b>Examples of Disturbance</b>	<b>Activities and Uses That Cause Disturbances</b>	<b>Examples of Measures to Minimize Impacts</b>
Lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking lots</li> <li>• Warehouses</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct lights away from wetland</li> </ul>
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locate activity that generates noise away from wetland</li> </ul>
Storm water runoff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking lots</li> <li>• Roads</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Residential areas</li> <li>• Application of agricultural pesticides</li> <li>• Landscaping</li> <li>• Commercial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route all new, untreated runoff away from wetland while ensuring wetland is not dewatered</li> <li>• Establish covenants limiting use of pesticides within 150 feet of wetland               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply integrated pest management</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Retrofit storm water detention and treatment for roads and existing adjacent development</li> <li>• Prevent channelized flow from lawns that directly enters the buffer</li> </ul>
Change in water regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impermeable surfaces               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lawns</li> <li>• Tilling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infiltrate or treat, detain, and disperse into buffer new runoff from impervious surfaces and new lawns</li> </ul>
Pets and human disturbance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use privacy fencing; plant dense vegetation to delineate buffer edge and to discourage disturbance using vegetation appropriate for the ecoregion; place wetland and its buffer in a separate tract</li> </ul>
Dust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tilled fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use best management practices to control dust</li> </ul>

3. Variance. In cases where proposed development cannot meet the administrative buffer reduction criteria described in this section, a variance shall be required as described in

Section 19.100.135. Applicants may propose to utilize provisions contained in KCC 19.200.230.

C. Fencing and Signs.

1. Wetland buffers shall be temporarily fenced or otherwise suitably marked, as required by the department, between the area where the construction activity occurs and the buffer. Fences shall be made of a durable protective barrier and shall be highly visible. Silt fences and plastic construction fences may be used to prevent encroachment on wetlands or their buffers by construction. Temporary fencing shall be removed after the site work has been completed and the site is fully stabilized per county approval.

2. The department may require that permanent signs and/or fencing be placed on the common boundary between a wetland buffer and the adjacent land of the project site. Such signs will identify the wetland buffer. The department may approve an alternate method of wetland and buffer identification, if it provides adequate protection to the wetland and buffer.

D. Protection of Buffers. The buffer shall be identified on a site plan and on site as required by the department and this chapter. Refuse shall not be placed in buffers.

E. Building or Impervious Surface Setback Lines. A building or impervious surface setback line of fifteen feet is required from the edge of any wetland buffer. Minor structural or impervious surface intrusions into the areas of the setback may be permitted if the department determines that such intrusions will not adversely impact the wetland. The setback shall be identified on a site plan.

Section 7. For consistency, Kitsap County Code Section 19.200.225, last amended by Ordinance 545-2017, is amended as follows:

**19.200.225 Additional development standards for certain uses.**

In addition to meeting the development standards of this chapter, those uses identified below shall also comply with the standards of this section and other applicable state, federal and local laws.

A. Forest Practice, Class IV General, and Conversion Option Harvest Plans (COHPs). All timber harvesting and associated development activity, such as construction of roads, shall comply with the provisions of this title, including the maintenance of buffers around wetlands.

B. Agricultural Restrictions. In all development proposals that would introduce or expand agricultural activities, a net loss of functions and values to wetlands shall be avoided. Wetlands shall be avoided by at least one of the following methods:

1. Locate fencing no closer than the outer buffer edge; or
2. Implement a farm resource conservation and management plan agreed upon by the conservation district and the applicant to protect and enhance the functions and values of the wetland.

C. Road/Street Repair and Construction. Any private or public road or street repair, maintenance, expansion or construction may be allowed within a critical area or its buffer only when all of the

following are met:

1. No other reasonable or practicable alternative exists and the road or street serves multiple properties whenever possible;
2. For publicly owned or maintained roads or streets, other purposes, such as utility crossings, pedestrian or bicycle easements, viewing points, etc., shall be allowed whenever possible;
3. The road or street repair and construction are the minimum necessary to provide safe roads and streets; and
4. Mitigation shall be performed in accordance with specific project mitigation plan requirements. Applicants may propose to utilize provisions contained in KCC 19.200.230.

D. Land Divisions and Land Use Permits. All proposed divisions of land and land uses (including but not limited to the following: short plats, large lot subdivisions, performance-based developments, conditional use permits, site plan reviews, binding site plans) which include regulated wetlands, shall comply with the following procedures and development standards:

1. The area of a wetland and its buffers may be included in the calculation of minimum lot area for proposed lots, except for the area with permanent open water.
2. Land division approvals shall be conditioned to require that wetlands and wetland buffers be dedicated as open space tracts, or an easement or covenant encumbering the wetland and wetland buffer. Such dedication, easement or covenant shall be recorded together with the land division and represented on the final plat, short plat or binding site plan, and title.
3. In order to implement the goals and policies of this title, to accommodate innovation, creativity, and design flexibility, and to achieve a level of environmental protection that would not be possible by typical lot-by-lot development, the use of the clustered development or similar innovative site planning is strongly encouraged for projects with regulated wetlands on the site.
4. After preliminary approval and prior to final land division approval, the department may require the common boundary between a regulated wetland or associated buffer and the adjacent land be identified using permanent signs and/or fencing. In lieu of signs and/or fencing, alternative methods of wetland and buffer identification may be approved when such methods are determined by the department to provide adequate protection to the wetland and buffer.

E. Surface Water Management. Surface water discharges from storm water facilities or structures may be allowed in wetlands and their buffers when they are in accordance with Title 12 (Storm Water Drainage) subject to the provisions of Section 19.100.145, Special use review, and this subsection. The discharge shall neither significantly increase nor decrease the rate of flow or hydroperiod, nor decrease the water quality of the wetland. Pretreatment of surface water discharge through biofiltration or other best management practices (BMPs) shall be required.

F. Trails and Trail-Related Facilities. Construction of public and private trails and trail-related facilities, such as benches and viewing platforms, may be allowed in wetlands or wetland buffers pursuant to the following standards:



1. Trails and related facilities shall, to the extent feasible, be placed on existing road grades, utility corridors, or any other previously disturbed areas.
2. Trails and related facilities shall be planned to minimize removal of trees, soil disturbance and existing hydrological characteristics, shrubs, snags and important wildlife habitat.
3. Viewing platforms, interpretive centers, benches, picnic areas, and access to them, shall be designed and located to minimize disturbance of wildlife habitat and/or critical characteristics of the affected wetland. Platforms shall be limited to one hundred square feet in size, unless demonstrated through a wetland mitigation plan that a larger structure will not result in a net loss of wetland functions.
4. Trails and related facilities shall generally be located outside required buffers. Where trails are permitted within buffers they shall be located in the outer twenty-five percent of the buffer, except where wetland crossings or for direct access to viewing areas have been approved by the department.
5. Trails shall generally be limited to pedestrian use unless other more intensive uses, such as bike or horse trails, have been specifically allowed and mitigation has been provided. Trail width shall not exceed five feet unless there is a demonstrated need, subject to review and approval by the department. Trails shall be constructed with pervious materials except where determined infeasible.
6. Regional or public trails and trail-related facilities as identified in the 2013 Kitsap County Non-Motorized Facility Plan (and associated recognized community trails), and as amended, and provided design considerations are made to minimize impacts to critical areas and buffers, shall not be subject to the platform, trail width, or trail material limitations above. Such trails and facilities shall be approved through special use review (Section 19.100.145), unless any underlying permit requires a public hearing.

G. Utilities. Placement of utilities within wetlands or their buffers may be allowed pursuant to the following standards and any other required state and federal approvals:

1. The utility maintenance or repair, as identified in Section 19.100.125(E), shall be allowed in wetlands and wetland buffers so long as best management practices are used.
2. Construction of new utilities outside the road right-of-way or existing utility corridors may be permitted in wetlands or wetland buffers only when: (a) no reasonable alternative location is available, (b) the new utility corridor meets the requirements for installation, replacement of vegetation and maintenance outlined below, and (c) as required in the filing and approval of applicable permits and special reports (Chapter 19.700) required by this title.
3. Construction of sewer lines or on-site sewage systems may be permitted in wetland buffers only when: (a) the applicant demonstrates that the location is necessary to meet state or local health code minimum design standards (not requiring a variance for either horizontal setback or vertical separation), and (b) there are no other practicable or reasonable alternatives available and (c) construction meets the requirements of this section. Joint use of the sewer utility corridor

by other utilities may be allowed.

4. New utility corridors shall not be allowed when the wetland or buffer has known locations of federal- or state-listed endangered, threatened or sensitive species, heron rookeries or nesting sites of raptors which are listed as state candidate or state monitor, except in those circumstances where an approved habitat management plan indicates that the utility corridor will not significantly impact the wetland or wetland buffer.

5. New utility corridor construction and maintenance shall protect the wetland and buffer environment by utilizing the following methods:

a. New utility corridors shall be aligned to avoid cutting trees greater than twelve inches in diameter at breast height (four and one-half feet), measured on the uphill side, unless no reasonable alternative location is available.

b. New utility corridors shall be revegetated with appropriate native vegetation at not less than preconstruction densities or greater immediately upon completion of construction, or as soon thereafter as possible if due to seasonal growing constraints. The utility shall ensure that such vegetation survives.

c. Any additional utility corridor access for maintenance shall be provided at specific points rather than by parallel roads, unless no reasonable alternative is available. If parallel roads are necessary, they shall be the minimum width necessary for access, but no greater than fifteen feet, and shall be contiguous to the location of the utility corridor on the side away from the wetland. Mitigation will be required for any additional access through restoration of vegetation in disturbed areas.

d. Drilling for new utility corridors shall have entrance/exit portals located completely outside of the wetland buffer boundary, and drilling shall not interrupt the ground water connection to the wetland or percolation of surface water down through the soil column. Specific studies by a hydrologist are necessary to determine whether the ground water connection to the wetland or percolation of surface water down through the soil column would be disturbed.

~~e.~~ The department may require other additional mitigation measures.

6. Utility corridor maintenance shall include the following measures to protect the wetland and buffer environment:

a. Painting of utility equipment, such as power towers, shall not be sprayed or sandblasted, unless appropriate containment measures are used. Lead-based paints shall not be used.

b. No pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers may be used in wetland areas or their buffers except those approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington Department of Ecology. Where approved, they must be applied by a licensed applicator in accordance with the safe application practices on the label.

H. Parks. Development of public park and recreation facilities may be permitted in wetlands or

their buffer subject to the provisions of Section 19.100.145, Special use review, and other applicable chapters of the Kitsap County Code, and any state or federal approvals. For example, enhancement of wetlands and development of trails may be allowed in wetlands and wetland buffers subject to special use requirements and approval of a wetland mitigation plan.

Section 8. For consistency, Kitsap County Code 21.04.100, last amended by Ordinance 557-2018, is amended as follows:

**21.04.100 Review Authority Table.**

The Review Authority Table shows permits regulated by this chapter, how they are classified and who the review authority is.

	Permit/Activity/Decision	Review Authority	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
	<b>DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING PERMITS – See also Title 12, Stormwater Drainage</b>					
1	Site Development Activity Permit – Subject to SEPA	D		X		
2	Site Development Activity Permit – SEPA Exempt	D	X			
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS – See also Titles 18, Environment, 19, Critical Areas Ordinance, and 22, Shoreline Master Program</b>					
3	Conditional Waiver, View Blockage Requirement	D		X		
4	Critical Area Buffer Reduction	D	X	X		
5	Critical Area Variance	HE			X	
6	Current Use Open Space	BC				X
7	Shoreline Administrative Conditional Use Permit	D		X		
8	Shoreline Buffer Reduction	D	X	X		
9	Shoreline Conditional Use Permit	HE			X	
10	Shoreline Permit Exemption	D	X			
11	Shoreline Revision	D		X		
12	Shoreline Substantial Development Permits	<del>D</del> HE		X	X	
13	Shoreline Variance ( <del>&lt;25%</del> ) (any variance for which an Administrative variance is not applicable)	HE			X	
14	Administrative Shoreline Variance (<25% or within any portion of the reduced buffer in shoreline residential designation) (development or expansion requiring <25% reduction of the reduced standard buffer or any amount of buffer reduction within the shoreline residential designation per 22.400.120(C))	D		X		

	Permit/Activity/Decision	Review Authority	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
154	Timber Harvest Permit	D	X			
<b>LAND USE PERMITS – See also Title 17, Zoning</b>						
165	Administrative Conditional Use Permit	D		X		
176	Administrative Conditional Use Permit Major Amendment – Proposed After Approval	D		X		
187	Administrative Conditional Use Permit Minor Amendment – Proposed After Approval	D	X			
198	Conditional Use Permit	HE			X	
209	Conditional Use Permit Major Amendment – Proposed After Approval	HE			X	
210	Conditional Use Permit Minor Amendment – Proposed After Approval	D	X			
221	Development Agreement	BC				X
232	Home Business	D	X			
243	Master Plan	HE			X	
254	Master Plan – Amendments	D		X		
265	Performance Based Development	HE			X	
276	Performance Based Development Major Amendment – Proposed After Approval	HE			X	
287	Performance Based Development Minor Amendment – Proposed After Approval	D	X			
298	Rezone <sup>1</sup>	PC/BC			X	
309	Sign	D	X			
310	Zoning Variance – Director’s (≤ 10%)	D	X			
321	Zoning Variance – Administrative (> 10% to ≤ 25%)	D		X		
332	Zoning Variance – Hearing Examiner (> 25%)	HE			X	
<b>LAND DIVISION PERMITS – See also Title 16, Land Division and Development</b>						
343	Binding Site Plan	D		X		
354	Binding Site Plan Alteration	D		X		
365	Final Large Lot Plat	D	X			
376	Final Large Lot Plat Alteration	D		X		
387	Final Plat	D	X			

	Permit/Activity/Decision	Review Authority	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
<del>398</del>	Final Plat Alteration	HE <sup>2</sup>		X		
<del>4039</del>	Final Short Plat	D	X			
<del>410</del>	Final Short Plat Alteration	D		X		
<del>421</del>	Land Segregation Vacation	D/HE		X	X	
<del>432</del>	Legal Lot Determination	D	X			
<del>443</del>	Preliminary Large Lot Subdivision	D		X		
<del>454</del>	Preliminary Large Lot Subdivision – Major Amendment	D		X		
<del>465</del>	Preliminary Large Lot Subdivision – Minor Amendment	D	X			
<del>476</del>	Preliminary Short Subdivision	D		X		
<del>487</del>	Preliminary Short Subdivision – Major Amendment	D		X		
<del>498</del>	Preliminary Short Subdivision – Minor Amendment	D	X			
<del>5049</del>	Preliminary Subdivision	HE			X	
<del>510</del>	Preliminary Subdivision – Major Amendment	HE			X	
<del>521</del>	Preliminary Subdivision – Minor Amendment	D		X		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS</b>						
<del>532</del>	Building Code Interpretation	BO	See Chapter 14.04	See Chapter 14.04	See Chapter 14.04	See Chapter 14.04
<del>543</del>	Building Permit	BO	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt
<del>554</del>	Change of Use	BO	X			
<del>565</del>	Code Compliance	D	X			
<del>576</del>	Concurrency Certificate	CE	X			
<del>587</del>	Director’s Interpretation	D	X			
<del>598</del>	Reasonable Use Exception	HE			X	
<del>6059</del>	Road Vacation	CE				X
<del>610</del>	Temporary Use	D	X			
<del>621</del>	Transfer of Development Right Program	D/HE/BC	X	X	X	X
D = Director BC = Board of County Commissioners BO = Building Official CE = County Engineer HE = Hearing Examiner PC = Planning Commission						

1 Hearing examiner recommendation subject to board of county commissioners approval.

2 Hearing at request of noticed party, RCW 58.17.215.

**Section 9. Typographical/Clerical Errors.** Should any amendment made to this Ordinance that was passed by the Board during its deliberations be inadvertently left out of the final printed version of the plan, maps or code, the explicit action of the Board as discussed and passed shall prevail upon subsequent review and verification by the Board, and shall be corrected.

**Section 10. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person, entity or circumstance is for any reason held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons, entities or circumstances is not affected.

**Section 11. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force only upon approval of the amendments adopted herein by the Washington State Department of Ecology in accordance with RCW 90.58.090 and WAC 173-26-120.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021



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**Kitsap County Code Title 22**

# **Shoreline Master Program**





**Title 22**

**SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

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## Chapter 22.100

### INTRODUCTION

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#### **22.100.105 Title.**

The goals, policies and regulations herein shall be known as the Kitsap County shoreline master program, and may be referred to as the “master program” or the “program.”

#### **22.100.110 Purpose and intent.**

The Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan explains that Kitsap County’s shorelines provide valuable habitat for fish and wildlife, economic diversity, and recreational opportunities used by all residents without exclusion of all ages. Kitsap County fully recognizes tribal treaty rights the American Indian Point No Point Treaty and usual and accustomed harvest areas, honoring the unusual and customary Tribal lands. Shorelines play an important role in enhancing the quality of life for our county’s citizens. Therefore, the purpose of the master program is to guide the future development of the shorelines in Kitsap County in a manner consistent with the Shoreline Management Act of 1971, hereinafter the “Act.” The Act and this program comprise the basic state and county law regulating use of shorelines in the county.

#### **22.100.115 Adoption authority.**

This master program is adopted pursuant to the authority granted under the Shoreline Management Act of 1971, Chapter 90.58 RCW and Chapter 173-26 WAC.

#### **22.100.120 Applicability (including legally existing uses, structures and lots).**

A. Unless specifically exempted by statute, all proposed uses and development occurring within shoreline jurisdiction must conform to Chapter 90.58 RCW, the Act, and this master program whether or not a permit is required. This master program applies to every person, firm, corporation, government agency, or department who or which:

1. Proposes any new use, activity, development or structure within the unincorporated area of Kitsap County subject to the Act as now or hereafter amended; or
2. Proposes a change, modification, addition or alteration to an existing use, activity, development or structure within the unincorporated area of Kitsap County subject to the Act, as now or hereafter amended.

B. Development not required to obtain shoreline permits or local reviews. Requirements to obtain a Substantial Development Permit, Conditional Use Permit, Variance, letter of exemption, or other review to implement the Shoreline Management Act do not apply to the following:

1. Remedial actions. Pursuant to RCW 90.58.355, any person conducting a remedial action at a facility pursuant to a consent decree, order, or a greed order issued pursuant to chapter 70A.305 RCW, or to the Washington State Department of Ecology when it conducts a remedial action under chapter 70A.305 RCW is not required to obtain shoreline permits or review.
2. Existing boatyard stormwater improvements. Pursuant to RCW 90.58.355, any person installing site improvements for stormwater treatment in an existing boatyard facility to meet requirements of a National

Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater general permit is not required to obtain shoreline permits or review.

3. WSDOT facility maintenance and safety improvements. Pursuant to RCW 90.58.356, Washington State Department of Transportation projects and activities meeting the conditions of RCW 90.58.356 are not required to obtain shoreline permits or review.

4. Projects consistent with an environmental excellence program agreement pursuant to RCW 90.58.045.

5. Projects authorized through the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council process, pursuant to chapter 80.50 RCW.

6. Projects on shorelands that are under the exclusive federal jurisdiction as established through federal or state statutes, e.g., military bases, national parks, and tribal trust lands. However, projects on nonfederal shorelands lying within the exterior boundaries of federal lands and those shorelands leased to other persons, remain subject to this master program pursuant to WAC 173-22-070.

~~CB. Direct federal agency activities affecting the uses or resources subject to the Act must be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable provisions of the Act and with this master program as required by WAC 173-27-060. C. The Act and this program, including the permit system, shall apply to all nonfederal developments and uses undertaken on federal lands and on lands subject to nonfederal ownership, lease or agreement, even though such lands may fall within the external boundaries of a federal ownership.~~

D This master program shall apply to all unincorporated urban lands until such time as a city meets the requirements of WAC 173-26-150 or 173-26-160 for predesignation of urban growth areas (UGAs) or amends its master program as appropriate.

#### **22.100.125 Relationship to other plans and regulations.**

A. Uses, developments, and activities regulated by the master program may be independently subject to the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, the Washington State Environmental Policy Act, the Kitsap County Code (KCC) Zoning (Title 17), Environment (Title 18), the critical areas ordinance (Title 19), and various other provisions of federal, state, and county laws. The applicant must comply with all applicable laws prior to commencing any use, development, or activity.

B. Should a conflict occur between the provisions of this program or between this program and the laws, regulations, codes or rules promulgated by any other authority having jurisdiction within Kitsap County, the more restrictive requirements shall apply, except when constrained by federal or state law, or where specifically provided otherwise in this program.

C. When achieved in accordance with Title 17 (Zoning), building and lot dimension flexibility may be allowed on shorelines within urban areas or limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs) when consistent with the Act and all other applicable requirements of this program, including the requirement to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

Further, in order to preclude fragmentation of review and the necessity for individual shoreline permits, a combined shoreline permit is encouraged for proposed activities within the shoreline jurisdiction where feasible.

D. Consistent with RCW 36.70A.480, the goals and policies of this master program approved under Chapter 90.58 RCW shall be considered an element of the county's comprehensive plan, including Chapter 22.300 (General Goals and Policies). All regulatory elements of this program, including but not limited to Chapter 22.100 (Introduction), Chapter 22.150 (Definitions), Chapter 22.200 (Shoreline Jurisdiction and Environment Designations), Chapter 22.400 (General Regulations), Chapter 22.500 (Permit Provisions, Review and Enforcement), Chapter 22.600 (Shoreline Use and Modification Development Standards), Chapter 22.700 (Special Reports), and Chapter 22.800, Appendix A (Shoreline Environment Designations Map), Appendix B (Mitigation Options to Achieve No Net Loss for New or Re-Development Activities), and Appendix D (Channel Migration Zone Maps) and Appendix F (List of Shoreline Waterbodies), shall be considered a part of the county's development regulations. Certain nonregulatory elements of this master program, including but not limited to

Appendix C (Shoreline Restoration Plan) to the ordinance codified in this title, may be updated and amended at any time without requiring a formal master program amendment.

E. Where this program makes reference to RCW, WAC, or other state or federal law or regulation, the most recent amendment or version shall apply.

F. This program will be applied consistent with all applicable federal, state and local laws affecting tribal rights.

G. Coastal Zone Management Act consistency reviews for sites within federal jurisdiction shall apply the environment designation criteria in Chapter 22.200 that most closely correspond to the project site in order to determine applicable program policies.

**22.100.130 Governing principles.**

The following governing principles, along with the policy statement of RCW 90.58.020 and the principles of Chapter 173-26 WAC, establish the basic concepts of this program:

A. Any inconsistencies between this program and the Act must be resolved in accordance with the Act.

B. The policies of this program may be achieved by diverse means, one of which is regulation. Other means authorized by the Act include, but are not limited to: acquisition of lands and/or easements by purchase or gift, incentive programs, and implementation of capital facility and/or nonstructural programs.

C. Protecting the shoreline environment is an essential statewide policy goal. Permitted and/or exempt development, actions taken prior to the Act's adoption, and/or unregulated activities can impair shoreline ecological processes and functions. This program protects shoreline ecology from such impairments in the following ways:

1. By using a process that identifies, inventories, and ensures meaningful understanding of current and potential ecological functions provided by shorelines.

2. By including policies and regulations that require mitigation of significant adverse impacts in a manner that ensures no net loss of shoreline ecological functions. The required mitigation shall include avoidance, minimization, and compensation of impacts in accordance with the policies and regulations for mitigation sequencing. This program and any future amendment hereto shall ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions and processes on a programmatic basis in accordance with the baseline functions present as of the date of adoption of this program.

3. By including policies and regulations that ensure that the cumulative effect of exempt development will not cause a net loss of shoreline ecological functions, and by fairly allocating the burden of addressing such impacts among development opportunities.

4. By including regulations and regulatory incentives designed to protect shoreline ecological functions, and restore impaired ecological functions where such opportunities have been identified, consistent with the Shoreline Restoration Plan (Appendix C to the ordinance codified in this title) developed by Kitsap County.

D. Regulation of private property to implement program goals, such as public access and protection of ecological functions and processes, must be consistent with all relevant constitutional and other legal limitations. These include, but are not limited to, the protections afforded by the federal and state constitutions, and federal, state and local laws.

E. Regulatory or administrative actions contained herein must be implemented with consideration to the public trust doctrine, regulatory takings, and other applicable legal principles as appropriate.

F. Regulatory provisions of this program are limited to shorelines of the state, whereas the planning functions of this program may extend beyond the designated shoreline boundaries.

G. Consistent with the policy and use preferences of RCW 90.58.020, Kitsap County should balance the various policy goals of this program along with giving consideration to other relevant local, state, and federal regulatory and nonregulatory programs.

**22.100.135 Liberal construction.**

As provided for in RCW 90.58.900, the Act is exempted from the rule of strict construction. Therefore, the Act and this program shall be liberally construed to give full effect to the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies for which the Act and this program were enacted and adopted, respectively.

**22.100.140 Severability.**

Should any section or provision of this program be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this program as a whole.

## Chapter 22.150

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**22.150.050 Construction of provisions.**

Where terms, phrases and words are not defined, they shall have their ordinary accepted meanings within the context with which they are used. The most current version of the English Webster's Dictionary shall be considered as providing ordinary accepted meanings. In addition, where available, the definitions provided in WAC 173-26-020 or 173-27-030 or Chapter 90.58 RCW shall be applied.

~~22.150.100 Accessory structure—View blockage. Reserved. As it relates to view blockage, buildings and other structures encompassing less than two hundred square feet and less than ten feet in height from grade level, and fences which are less than six feet in height from grade level.~~

**22.150.105 Adaptive management.**

A process of evaluating data acquired through project monitoring relative to a developed plan with goals or benchmarks, and taking action based on the results in order to reduce uncertainty with regard to adverse ecological impacts and improve outcomes over time.

**22.150.110 Adjacent principal building.**

A principal building on a lot abutting the applicant's lot.

**22.150.115 Agriculture.**

Uses and practices, primarily commercial in nature, which are in support of agricultural activities, agricultural products, agricultural equipment and facilities, and agricultural land, as defined in WAC 173-26-020(3). This excludes activities typically associated with single-family residences, such as gardening activities primarily for on-site consumption. Such uses may still be subject to other provisions of this program.

**22.150.120 Amendment.**

A revision, update, addition, deletion, and/or reenactment to an existing shoreline master program.

**22.150.125 Anchor.**

A device used to secure a vessel.

**22.150.130 Appurtenance.**

Structures and development necessarily connected to the use of a single-family residence, and located within contiguous ownership of the primary residential use including: garages, decks, fences, driveways, utilities, septic tanks and drainfields, officially registered historic structures, 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 OHWM. Appurtenances do not include bulkheads and other shoreline modifications or over-water structures, including tower stairs with landings at or below the ordinary high water line.



**22.150.135 Aquaculture.**

The culture or farming of fish, shellfish, or other aquatic plants and animals. Aquaculture does not include the harvest of wild geoduck associated with the state and tribal co-managed wild-stock geoduck fishery.

**22.150.140 Aquatic lands.**

The bed-lands (submerged at all times) and tidelands (submerged lands and beaches that are exposed and submerged with the ebb and flow of the tides) beneath the waters of lakes, rivers and marine waters and along their shores.

**22.150.145 Associated wetlands.**

Those wetlands which are in proximity to and either influence or are influenced by tidal waters or a lake or stream subject to the Act.

**22.150.150 Barrier structure.**

Any shoreline or in-water structure that has the primary purpose of diverting, capturing or altering the natural flow or transport of water or sediment. These include breakwaters, jetties, groins and weirs.

**22.150.155 Best management practices.**

Those practices determined to be the most efficient, practical and cost-effective measures identified to reduce or control impacts to water bodies from a particular activity, most commonly by reducing the loading of pollutants from such sources into stormwater and water bodies.

**22.150.160 Boat house.**

A structure built for and with a continued primary purpose to store aquatic vessels and usually associated with a single-family residence.

**22.150.165 Boat launch.**

A solid ramp, usually made of concrete, used for the purpose of placing watercraft in and out of the water.

**22.150.170 Boating facilities.**

Public and private mooring structures and related services serving five or more boats, including piers, docks, buoys, floats, marinas, and facilities for the use of boat launching, boat storage, or boating supply sales, or for the service and maintenance of pleasure or commercial craft.

**22.150.175 Breakwater.**

A protective structure usually built off shore to protect beaches, bluffs, or harbor areas from wave action.

**22.150.180 Buffer.**

A non-clearing area established to protect the integrity, functions and values of the affected critical area or shoreline, but may be modified and reduced to accommodate allowed uses when consistent with the Act and this program, and when conducted so that no net loss of critical area or shoreline ecological functions occurs. Under optimal conditions, buffers are composed of intact native vegetation. Buffer widths are measured horizontally.

**22.150.185 Building.**

Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

**22.150.190 Building line.**

The perimeter or that portion of a principal building closest to the ordinary high water mark (OHWM), but excluding decks and balconies, open steps, architectural features (such as cornices), and roof overhangs.

**22.150.195 Buoy.**

An anchoring device with a float used to secure a vessel. For the purposes of this program, the term "buoy field" refers to more than one buoy per parcel.

**22.150.200 Census-defined urban areas.**

Territories that consist of areas of high population density and urban land use resulting in a representation of "urban footprint." The territories include residential, commercial and other nonresidential urban land uses. Defined by U.S.

Department of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau Tigerline Shapefile 2012:

<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/2010urbanrurallclass.html>.

**22.150.205 Commercial, commercial development.**

A use that involves wholesale or retail trade, or the provision of services.

**22.150.210 Conditional use permit (CUP).**

A permit for a use, development, or substantial development that is classified as a conditional use or is not a listed use in the use and modifications matrix in Chapter 22.600.

**22.150.215 Critical freshwater habitats.**

Includes those portions of streams, rivers, wetlands, lakes and their associated channel migration zones and floodplains that provide habitat for priority species at any stage in their life cycles, and provide critical ecosystem-wide processes, as established in WAC 173-26-221(2)(c)(iv). This is distinguished from the term “critical habitat” as utilized in relation to the Endangered Species Act.

**22.150.220 Critical saltwater habitats.**

As defined in WAC 173-26-221(2)(c)(iii), include all kelp beds; eelgrass beds; spawning and holding areas for forage fish, such as herring, smelt and sand lance; subsistence, commercial and recreational shellfish beds; mudflats; intertidal habitats with vascular plants; and areas with which priority species have a primary association. See this chapter for definitions of each type of critical saltwater habitat. This is distinguished from the term “critical habitat” as utilized in relation to the Endangered Species Act.

**22.150.225 Department.**

For the purposes of this program, means the Kitsap County department of community development.

**22.150.230 Development.**

A use consisting of the construction or exterior alteration of structures; dredging; drilling; dumping; filling; removal of sand, gravel or minerals; bulkheading; driving of piling; placing of obstructions; or any project of a permanent or temporary nature which interferes with the normal public use of the surface waters overlying lands subject to the Act at any stage of water level. Development does not include dismantling or removing structures if there is no other associated development or re-development.

**22.150.235 Development standards.**

Controls placed on development or land uses, including, but not limited to, zoning ordinances, critical areas ordinances, all portions of a shoreline master program other than goals and policies approved or adopted under Chapter 90.58 RCW, planned unit development ordinances, subdivision ordinances, and binding site plan ordinances together with any amendments thereto.

**22.150.240 Dock.**

The collective term for a moorage structure that typically consists of a nearshore fixed-pile pier, a ramp (or gangway), and a float that is used as a landing place for marine transport or for recreational purposes. It does not include recreational decks, storage facilities or other appurtenances.

**22.150.245 Dredge.**

The removal of earth, gravel, sand or other mineral substances from the bottom of a stream, river, lake, bay, or other waterbody, including wetlands.

**22.150.250 Ecological functions.**

The work performed or role played by the physical, chemical, and biological processes that contribute to the maintenance of the aquatic and terrestrial environments that constitute the shoreline’s natural ecosystem.

**22.150.255 Ecologically intact.**

Those shoreline areas that retain the majority of their natural shoreline functions, as evidenced by the shoreline configuration and the presence of native vegetation. Generally, but not necessarily, ecologically intact shorelines are free of structural shoreline modifications, structures, and intensive human uses. In forested areas, they generally include native vegetation with diverse plant communities, multiple canopy layers, and the presence of large woody

debris available for recruitment to adjacent water bodies. Recognizing that there is a continuum of ecological conditions ranging from near natural conditions to totally degraded and contaminated sites, this term is intended to delineate those shoreline areas that provide valuable functions for the larger aquatic and terrestrial environments which could be lost or significantly reduced by human development. Whether or not a shoreline is ecologically intact is determined on a case-by-case basis.

**22.150.260 Eelgrass.**

A flowering plant adapted to the marine environment that roots in sand or mud in shallow waters where waves and currents are not too severe. Eelgrass beds require high ambient light levels. Where eelgrass beds are disputed as a critical saltwater habitat, appropriate state agencies and co-managing tribes shall be consulted in order to assist with the determination.

**22.150.265 Emergency.**

An unanticipated threat to public health, safety, or the environment which requires immediate action within a time too short to allow full compliance with this program. See emergency exemption procedures in WAC 173-27-040(2)(d).

**22.150.270 Enhancement.**

To improve the ecological functions at the site or landscape scale. This includes physical, biological and chemical processes which contribute to the maintenance of the aquatic and terrestrial environments.

**22.150.275 Environmental limitations.**

Limiting factors to new modifications or development, such as floodplains or unstable slopes.

**22.150.280 Excavation.**

The mechanical removal of earthen material.

**22.150.285 Exemptions.**

Uses and development that are not required to obtain a substantial development permit, but which must otherwise comply with applicable provisions of the Act and this program. Certain exemption developments must obtain a letter of exemption (see Section 22.500.100(C)(4)).

**22.150.290 Existing lots (legal lots).**

Lots, tracts, parcels, sites or other fractional part of divided land that was legally established in accordance with local and state subdivision requirements prior to the effective date of this program.

**22.150.295 Existing structures.**

Structures that were legally constructed prior to the effective date of this program in accordance with the requirements in effect at the time of construction.

**22.150.300 Existing uses.**

Uses that were legally established prior to the effective date of this program in accordance with the applicable regulations at the time established.

**22.150.305 Feasible.**

An action, such as a development project, mitigation, or preservation requirement, that meets all of the following conditions:

- A. The action can be accomplished with technologies and methods that have been used in the past in similar circumstances, or studies or tests have demonstrated in similar circumstances that such approaches are currently available and likely to achieve the intended results;
- B. The action provides a reasonable likelihood of achieving its intended purpose; and
- C. The action does not physically preclude achieving the project's primary intended legal use.

The burden of proving infeasibility is on the applicant. In determining infeasibility, the reviewing agency may weigh the action's relative public costs and public benefits, considered in the short- and long-term time frames.

**22.150.310 Fee in lieu (in-lieu fee).**

A fee paid to a sponsor (e.g., Kitsap County, Hood Canal Coordinating Council, etc.) to satisfy compensatory mitigation requirements when mitigation is precluded from being completed on site due to site development or physical constraints.

**22.150.315 Fill.**

The addition of soil, sand, rock, gravel, sediment, earth retaining structure, or other material to an area waterward of the OHWM, in wetlands, or on shorelands in a manner that raises the elevation or creates dry land.

**22.150.320 Float.**

An anchored (not directly to the shore) floating platform that is free to rise and fall with water levels and is used for water-dependent recreational activities such as boat mooring, swimming or diving. Floats may stand alone with no over-water connection to shore or may be located at the end of a pier or ramp.

**22.150.324 Floating homes.**

A single-family dwelling unit constructed on a float, that is moored, anchored, or otherwise secured in waters, and is not a vessel, even though it may be capable of being towed.

**22.150.33022 Floodway.**

The area that has been established in effective federal emergency management flood insurance rate maps or floodway maps. The floodway does not include lands that can be reasonably expected to be protected from floodwaters by flood control devices maintained by or maintained under license from the federal government, the state or a political subdivision of the state. The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.

**22.150.325 Forage fish.**

Small, schooling fishes that are key prey items for larger predatory fish and wildlife in a marine food web. Puget Sound species include, but are not limited to, Pacific herring, surf smelt, Pacific sand lance and northern anchovy. Each species has specific habitat requirements for spawning, such as sediment grain size, tidal heights, or vegetation types. Known spawning and holding areas have been mapped by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**22.150.330 Forest practices (commercial forestry).**

Any activity conducted on or directly pertaining to forestland and relating to growing, harvesting or processing timber, including, but not limited to:

- A. Road and trail construction;
- B. Harvesting, final and intermediate;
- C. Precommercial thinning;
- D. Reforestation;
- E. Fertilization;
- F. Prevention and suppression of diseases and insects;
- G. Salvage of trees; and
- H. Brush control.

**22.150.335 Groin.**

Barrier-type structures extending seaward from the back shore across the beach to interrupt and trap sand movement.

**22.150.340 Guidelines (Washington Administrative Code WAC).**

Those standards adopted by the Department of Ecology pursuant to RCW 90.58.200 to assist in the implementation of Chapter 90.58 RCW for the regulation of shorelines of the state. The standards may be referenced at Chapters 173-26 and 173-27 WAC.

**22.150.345 Industrial, industrial development.**

Facilities for processing, manufacturing, and storing finished or partially finished goods; heavy vehicle dispatch and maintenance facilities; and similar facilities.

**22.150.350 In-stream structure.**

Structure placed by humans within a stream or river seaward of the ordinary high water mark that either causes or has the potential to cause water impoundment or the diversion, obstruction, or modification of water flow. In-stream structures may include those for hydroelectric generation, irrigation, water supply, flood control, transportation, utility service transmission, fish habitat enhancement, or other purpose.

**22.150.355 Jetty.**

Barrier-type structures designed to modify or control sand movement and usually placed at inlets to improve a navigable channel.

**22.150.360 Kelp.**

A plant generally attaching to bedrock or cobbles in shallow waters, especially in areas with moderate to high waves or currents. Kelp beds generally require high ambient light levels. Kelp includes both floating and nonfloating species. Where kelp beds are disputed as a critical saltwater habitat, appropriate state agencies and co-managing tribes shall be consulted in order to assist with the determination.

**22.150.365 Launch ramp.**

A sloping ramp, traditionally made of concrete, which may extend into the tidelands, used for the purpose of placing a boat in or taking one out of the water.

**22.150.370 Limited area of more intense rural development (LAMIRD).**

Locally designated rural areas authorized to accept more intense, urban-like development under RCW 36.70A.070(5)(d) and Title 17.

**22.150.375 Live aboard.**

Use of a vessel as a residence, meaning full-time occupancy in a single location, for an uninterrupted period exceeding sixty days in any calendar year.

**22.150.380 Lot.**

A fractional part of divided lands having fixed boundaries, being of sufficient area and dimension to meet minimum zoning requirements for width and area. The term shall include tracts, or parcels. Where the context so indicates, lots, tracts or parcels may refer to subdivided lands not conforming to, or in violation of, zoning or subdivision regulations.

~~**22.150.385 Lot coverage. Reserved. The percent or square footage of a lot that will be covered by the modification.**~~

**22.150.390 Low impact development (LID).**

A storm water management strategy that emphasizes conservation and use of existing natural site features integrated with distributed, small-scale stormwater controls to more closely mimic natural hydrologic patterns in residential, commercial, and industrial settings. The term may also be used to describe any type of development which incorporates new or experimental best management practices to reduce environmental impacts.

**22.150.395 Low-intensity.**

Activities which do not adversely alter the natural ecosystem functions.

**22.150.400 Macroalgae.**

Marine algae visible to the naked eye, such as kelp or other sea weeds.

**22.150.405 Marina.**

A public or private water-dependent wet moorage and/or dry boat storage facility for ten or more pleasure craft and/or ten or more commercial craft, and generally including goods or services related to boating. Marinas also include wet moorage facilities where boat moorage slips may be leased or rented to individuals who are not a member owner of an associated residential development. Launching facilities may also be provided. Marinas may be open to the general public or restricted on the basis of property ownership or membership.

**22.150.410 Marine rail system.**

A pair of sloping tracks which extends into the tidelands, used for the purpose of placing watercraft in and out of the water.

**22.150.415 May.**

A permissive term that means the action is acceptable, provided it satisfies all other provisions of this program.

**22.150.420 Mining.**

The removal of sand, soil, minerals, and other naturally occurring materials from the earth for commercial or economic use.

**22.150.425 Modification.**

Those actions that modify the physical configuration or qualities of the shoreline area, usually through the construction of a physical element such as a dike, breakwater, pier, weir, dredged basin, fill, bulkhead, or other structure. They can include other actions, such as clearing, grading, or application of chemicals.

**22.150.430 Mooring structures.**

Includes piers, docks, floats and buoys and their associated pilings, ramps, lifts and railways, as well as modifications that support boating facilities and marinas. Any mooring structure or grouping of structures that provides docking space for ten or more boats is considered a marina.

**22.150.435 Mudflats.**

A low-lying land of fine sediments and silt that is exposed at low tide and covered at high tide.

**22.150.440 Must.**

A mandatory term that means an action is required.

**22.150.445 Natural hydrographic conditions.**

The natural conditions for a particular time of year of water delivery and movement through a system.

**22.150.450 No net loss.**

The maintenance of the aggregate total of the county's shoreline ecological functions. The no net loss standard requires that the impacts of shoreline development and/or use, whether permitted or exempt, be identified and prevented or mitigated such that there are no resulting adverse impacts on ecological functions or processes. Each project shall be evaluated based on its ability to meet the no net loss requirement. The no net loss standard applies at multiple scales, starting at the project site. Compensatory mitigation standards include sequencing guidelines to ensure the most appropriate mitigation type and site are selected, as close to the impacted location as possible.

**22.150.455 Normal maintenance.**

Those usual acts necessary to prevent a decline, lapse or cessation from a lawfully established condition.

**22.150.460 Normal repair.**

To restore a development to a state comparable to its original condition, including, but not limited to, its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance, within a reasonable period after decay or partial destruction, except where repair causes substantial adverse effects to a shoreline resource or environment. 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.

**22.150.465 Ordinary high water mark (OHWM).**

The mark that will be found by examining the bed and banks and ascertaining where the presence and action of waters are so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark upon the soil a character distinct from that of the abutting upland, in respect to vegetation as that condition existed on June 1, 1971, as it may naturally change thereafter, or as it may change thereafter in accordance with permits issued by the county or Ecology; provided, that in any area where the OHWM cannot be found, the OHWM adjoining salt water shall be the line of mean higher high tide and the OHWM adjoining fresh water shall be the line of mean high water.

**22.150.470 Pier.**

A rigid structure built over the water and ~~typically~~ constructed on piles, attached to the shore and used as a landing place for marine transport or for recreational purposes.

**22.150.475 Platted.**

Land that has been divided following the applicable laws for divisions of land under Title 16, including land subject to a current application for such division.

**22.150.480 Predator exclusion.**

An object or activity used to implement pest management in aquaculture practices with the intent of deterring or excluding predators such as moon snails, sea star, crabs, diving ducks, burrowing shrimp or sand dollars. Common methods include, but are not limited to, large canopy nets, mesh, PVC tubes with net caps, flexar plastic tunnels, oyster bags and suspended culture systems.

**22.150.485 Principal building.**

That building on a lot closest to the ordinary high water mark that is not a boathouse, converted boathouse, accessory dwelling unit or other accessory structure.

**22.150.490 Priority species.**

Species requiring protective measures and/or management guidelines to ensure their persistence at genetically viable population levels. Priority species are those that meet any of the criteria listed below:

A. State-listed or state proposed species. State-listed species are those native fish and wildlife species legally designated as endangered (WAC 232-12-014), threatened (WAC 232-12-011(1)), or sensitive (WAC 232-12-011). State proposed species are those fish and wildlife species that will be reviewed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (POL-M 6001) for possible listing as endangered, threatened, or sensitive according to the process and criteria defined in WAC 232-12-297.

B. Vulnerable aggregations. Vulnerable aggregations include those species or groups of animals susceptible to significant population declines, within a specific area or statewide, by virtue of their inclination to congregate. Examples include heron colonies, seabird concentrations, and marine mammal congregations.

C. Species of recreational, commercial, and/or tribal importance. Native and nonnative fish, shellfish, and wildlife species of recreational or commercial importance and recognized species used for tribal ceremonial and subsistence purposes that are vulnerable to habitat loss or degradation.

D. Species listed by the National Marine Fisheries Service or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the federal Endangered Species Act as either proposed, threatened, or endangered.

**22.150.495 Prohibited.**

Not permitted to occur in a particular designation.

**22.150.500 Public access.**

The ability of the general public or, in some cases, a specific community, to reach, touch, and enjoy the water's edge, to travel on the waters of the state, and to view the water and the shoreline from adjacent locations.

**22.150.505 Qualified professional or qualified consultant.**

In accordance with WAC 365-195-905(4), a qualified professional must have obtained a B.S. or B.A. or equivalent degree in biology, soil science, engineering, environmental studies, fisheries, geology, geomorphology or related and relevant field to the subject in question, have related work experience and meet the following criteria:

- A. A qualified professional for wetlands must have a degree in biology, ecology, soil science, botany, or a closely related field and a minimum of three years of professional experience in wetland identification and assessment associated with wetland ecology in the Pacific Northwest or comparable systems.
- B. A qualified professional for habitat management plans or shoreline mitigation plans must have a degree in wildlife biology, ecology, fisheries, or closely related field and a minimum of three years professional experience related to the subject species/habitat type.
- C. A qualified professional for geologically hazardous areas, geotechnical and hydrogeological reports must be a professional engineering geologist or geotechnical engineer, licensed in the state of Washington. In designing soft armoring techniques, a qualified professional may also have similar qualifications as that required for habitat management plans.
- D. A “qualified professional for critical aquifer recharge areas” means a Washington State licensed hydrogeologist, geologist, or an engineer qualified in experience and training in a aquifer recharge.

**22.150.510 Ramp (or gangway).**

A structure between a pier and float which adjusts its angle based on the tidal elevation, allowing access to the float at all times.

**22.150.515 Recreation.**

The use and enjoyment of the shoreline by the public, including but not limited to fishing, hiking, swimming and viewing.

**22.150.520 Recreational development.**

Development that provides opportunities for the use and enjoyment of the shoreline by the public, including but not limited to fishing, hiking, swimming and viewing. This includes both commercial and public recreational facilities.

**22.150.525 Residential development.**

Development for the purpose of human habitation. Residential development includes the construction or modification of one- and two-family detached structures, multifamily structures, condominiums, townhouses, mobile home parks, and other similar group housing, together with accessory dwelling units, accessory uses and structures common to residential uses. Residential development also includes the creation of new residential lots through the subdivision of land. Residential development does not include hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, or any other type of overnight or transient housing or camping facilities.

**22.150.530 Resource-based uses.**

Low-intensity uses, which may include agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, recreation and designated open space.

**22.150.535 Restoration.**

The reestablishment or upgrading of impaired ecological shoreline processes or functions. This may be accomplished through measures including, but not limited to, revegetation, removal of intrusive shoreline structures and removal or treatment of toxic materials. Restoration does not imply a requirement for returning the shoreline area to aboriginal or pre-European settlement conditions.

**22.150.536 RCW.**

Revised Code of Washington.

**22.150.540 Revision.**

The modification or change to a permit authorized under this program.



**22.150.545 Setback.**

The distance a use or development must be from the edge of a buffer or a view line established by the shoreline structure setback line to prevent construction and other activities from intruding into the buffer or view line.

**22.150.550 Shall.**

A mandatory term that means an action is required.

**22.150.555 Shellfish beds.**

A general area of shoreline, both intertidal and subtidal, where shellfish congregate. This includes natural subsistence, recreational and commercial beds. Shellfish include, but are not limited to, a balone, hardshell clam, subtidal clam, Dungeness crab, geoduck clam, manila clam, oysters, razor clam, pandalid shrimp and red urchin. Where disputed as a critical saltwater habitat, appropriate state agencies and affected tribes shall be consulted in order to assist with the determination.

**22.150.560 Shorelands.**

Those lands extending landward for two hundred feet in all directions as measured on a horizontal plane from the ordinary high water mark; all floodways and up to two hundred feet of contiguous floodplain area; and all wetlands and river deltas associated with the streams, lakes and marine waters which are subject to the provisions of this program.

**22.150.565 Shoreline Management Act (Act).**

The Washington State Shoreline Management Act, Chapter 90.58 RCW.

**22.150.570 Shoreline stabilization.**

Actions taken to address erosion impacts to property and dwellings, businesses, or structures caused by natural processes, such as current, flood, tides, wind or wave action.

These actions include structural and nonstructural methods. Nonstructural methods, for example, include approaches such as building setbacks, structure relocation, groundwater management, and land use planning. Structural methods can be “hard” or “soft.” “Hard” structural stabilization measures refer to those with solid, hard surfaces, such as concrete bulkheads, while “soft” structural measures rely on less rigid materials, such as bioengineering vegetation measures or beach enhancement.

“Hybrid” structures are a composite of both soft and hard elements and techniques along the length of the armoring. ~~If any portion of a proposed development contains a measure or measures related to those listed in Section 22.150.570(B), except hard measures necessary to protect the connection to existing hard stabilization on adjoining properties, and measures no more than 15 percent of the shoreline length proposed for development, the whole development must be considered a ‘hybrid’.~~ Generally, the harder the construction measure, the greater the impact on shoreline processes including sediment transport, geomorphology, and biological functions. Beach nourishment used for compensatory mitigation goes does not reclassify a project as a hybrid structure. There are a range of measures for shoreline stabilization varying from soft to hard that include, but are not limited to:

A. Soft.

1. Vegetation enhancement;
2. Beach enhancement;
3. Bioengineering measures;
4. Anchored logs and stumps; and
5. Gravel placement/beach nourishment.

B. Hard.

1. Rock revetments;

2. Gabions;
3. Groins;
4. Bulkheads; ~~and~~
5. Sea walls; ~~and~~
6. Pile Walls.

**22.150.575 Shoreline structure setback line.**

The closest distance measured on a horizontal plane between the ordinary high water mark and the building line.

**22.150.580 Shorelines of the state.**

Includes all “shorelines” and “shorelines of statewide significance” within the state, as defined in RCW 90.58.030.

**22.150.585 Shorelines of statewide significance.**

Shorelines in Kitsap County designated as shorelines of statewide significance are:

A. Hood Canal: from Foulweather Bluff to the southwestern corner of the boundary of Kitsap County, near Chinum Point, between the ordinary high water mark and the line of extreme low tide, together with shorelands associated therewith per RCW 90.58.030(2)(f)(vi).

B. Puget Sound: seaward from the line of extreme low tide.

**22.150.590 Should.**

A term that means a particular action is required unless there is a demonstrated, sufficient reason, based on a policy of the Act or this program, for not taking the action.

**22.150.595 State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).**

An environmental review process designed to work with other regulations to provide a comprehensive review of a proposal. Most regulations focus on particular aspects of a proposal, while SEPA requires the identification and evaluation of probable impacts for all elements of the environment. See Chapter 197-11 WAC.

**22.150.600 Structure.**

A permanent or temporary edifice or building, or any piece of work artificially built or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner, whether installed on, above, or below the surface of the ground or water, except vessels.

**22.150.605 Substantial development.**

Any development of which the total cost or fair market value exceeds ~~\$5,000.00~~ \$7,047.00, or any development which materially interferes with the normal public use of the water or shorelines of the state. The dollar threshold must be adjusted for inflation every five years, as defined in WAC 173-27-040(2).

**22.150.610 Substantial development permit.**

A permit for any substantial development.

**22.150.625 Tram.**

A power-assisted access device or vehicle that runs on rails or overhead cables and includes a car or gondola or similar structure to move passengers or goods up and down a hillside. The access device may be supported by a series of towers or poles.

**22.150.615 Transportation.**

Systems for automobiles, public transportation, pedestrians, and bicycles. This includes, but is not limited to, roads, parking facilities, bridges, sidewalks and railroads.

**22.150.620 Urban Growth Area (UGA).**

Those areas designated by Kitsap County pursuant to RCW 36.70A.110 for urban development.

**22.150.625 Use.**

The end to which a land or water area is ultimately employed.

**22.150.630 Utilities.**

Services and facilities that produce, convey, store or process electric power, gas, sewage, water, communications, oil, and waste. This includes drainage conveyances and swales.

**22.150.635 Variance.**

Granting relief from specific bulk, dimensional or performance standards set forth in this master program and not a means to vary a use of a shoreline.

**22.150.640 Vascular plants.**

All seed-bearing plants that have vascular tissue (xylem and phloem).

**22.150.645 WAC.**

Washington Administrative Code.

**22.150.650 Water-dependent use.**

A use or portion of a use that cannot exist in a location that is not adjacent to the water and that is dependent on the water by reason of the intrinsic nature of its operations.

**22.150.655 Water-enjoyment use.**

A recreational use or other use that facilitates public access to the shoreline as a primary characteristic of the use; or a use that provides for recreational use or an esthetic enjoyment of the shoreline for a substantial number of people as a general characteristic of the use and which through location, design, and operation ensures the public's ability to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of the shoreline. In order to qualify as a water-enjoyment use, the use must be open to the general public and the shoreline-oriented space within the project must be devoted to the specific aspects of the use that fosters shoreline enjoyment.

**22.150.660 Water-oriented use.**

A use that is water-dependent, water-related, or water-enjoyment, or a combination of such uses.

**22.150.665 Water-related use.**

A use or portion of a use that is not intrinsically dependent on a waterfront location, but whose economic viability is dependent upon a waterfront location because:

- A. The use has a functional requirement for a waterfront location such as the arrival or shipment of materials by water or the need for large quantities of water; or
- B. The use provides a necessary service supportive of the water-dependent uses and the proximity of the use to its customers makes its services less expensive and/or more convenient.

**22.150.670 Weir.**

A structure that impounds, diverts or uses water for hydraulic generation and transmission, flood control, irrigation, water supply, recreational or fisheries enhancement.

**22.150.675 Wetlands.**

Areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas. Wetlands do not include those artificial wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland sites, including, but not limited to, irrigation and drainage ditches, grass-lined swales, canals, detention facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, farm ponds, and landscape amenities, or those wetlands created after July 1, 1990, that were unintentionally created as a result of the

construction of a road, street, or highway. Wetlands may include those artificial wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland areas to mitigate the conversion of wetlands.

## Chapter 22.200

### SHORELINE JURISDICTION AND ENVIRONMENT DESIGNATION

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#### **22.200.100 Shoreline jurisdiction.**

A. The shoreline master program jurisdiction applies to all shorelines of the state and their associated shorelands. This is following is a list of the shoreline and shoreland categories. A list of all shoreline waterbodies is in Appendix F (List of Shoreline Waterbodies):

1. All marine waters;
2. Rivers and streams with more than twenty cubic feet per second (cfs) mean annual flow;
3. Lakes and reservoirs ~~greater than~~ greater than twenty acres or greater in a area;
4. Associated wetlands;
5. Shorelands adjacent to these water bodies, typically within two hundred feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM);
6. Buffers necessary to protect critical areas that are located within shoreline jurisdiction as described in this program.

B. Associated estuarine wetlands: the jurisdictional boundary shall extend two hundred feet landward of the OHWM of the wetland.

C. Associated palustrine wetlands that extend greater than two hundred feet landward of the OHWM of the shoreline: the jurisdictional boundary shall extend to the OHWM of the wetland.

D. Critical areas designated pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW and located within shoreline jurisdiction shall be subject to the regulations of this program.

#### **22.200.105 Shoreline environment designations.**

In order to plan and manage shoreline resources effectively and to provide a uniform basis for applying policies and regulations within distinctively different shoreline areas, a system of categorizing shoreline areas is necessary. Under the following system, shoreline environment designations are given to specific areas based on the existing development pattern, the biophysical capabilities and limitations of the shoreline being considered for development, the provisions of WAC 173-26-211 and the goals and aspirations of the citizens of Kitsap County as expressed in the comprehensive plan. The existing development pattern and the biophysical information of the shoreline was compiled in a Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report (Kitsap County 2010) and was included as the basis for the environment designations.

This master program classifies shorelines into six distinct environments (natural, rural conservancy, urban conservancy, shoreline residential, high intensity and aquatic) and provides the framework for implementing shoreline policies and regulatory measures. A map of the environment designations can be found in Appendix A to the ordinance codified in this title.

This program is designed to encourage, in each environment, uses which enhance the character of that environment. At the same time, the program imposes reasonable standards and restrictions on development so that such development does not disrupt or destroy the character of the environment or result in a net loss of shoreline ecosystem functions.

The shoreline environment designations are not intended to be land use designations. They do not imply development densities, nor are they intended to mirror the comprehensive plan designations. The system of categorizing shoreline environment designations is derived from Chapter 173-26 WAC.

The basic intent of this system is to utilize performance standards that regulate activities in accordance with goals and objectives defined locally rather than to exclude any use from any one environment. Thus, the particular use or type of developments placed in each environment must be designed and located so that there are no effects detrimental to achieving the objectives of the shoreline environment designations and local development criteria.

This approach provides an “umbrella” environment class over local planning and zoning on the shorelines. Since every area is endowed with different resources, has different intensities of development and attaches different social values to these physical and economic characteristics, the environment designations should not be regarded as a substitute for local planning and land use regulations.

**22.200.110 High intensity.**

A. Purpose. To provide for high intensity water-oriented commercial, transportation, and industrial uses while protecting existing ecological functions and restoring ecological functions in areas that have been previously degraded.

B. Designation Criteria.

1. Shoreline areas within UGAs; or
2. Shoreline areas within industrial or commercial “limited area of more intense rural development” (LAMIRD), if they currently support high intensity uses related to commerce, transportation or navigation; or
3. Shorelines in a rural area with an existing major transportation facility of statewide importance; or
4. Shorelines suitable and planned for high intensity water-oriented uses.

C. Management Policies.

1. First priority should be given to water-dependent uses. Second priority should be given to water-related and water-enjoyment uses.
2. Non-water-oriented uses should not be allowed except:
  - a. As part of mixed use development;
  - b. In limited situations where they do not conflict with or limit opportunities for water-oriented uses; or
  - c. On sites where there is no direct access to the shoreline.
3. Policies and regulations shall assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions as a result of new development. Where applicable, new development shall include environmental cleanup and restoration of the shoreline to comply with any relevant state and federal law.

4. Where feasible, visual and physical public access should be required.
5. Aesthetic objectives should be implemented by means such as sign control regulations, appropriate development siting, screening and architectural standards, and maintenance of natural vegetative buffers.
6. Full utilization of existing urban areas should be achieved before further expansion of intensive development is allowed. Consideration should be given to the potential for displacement of non-water-oriented uses with water-oriented uses when analyzing full utilization of urban waterfronts and before considering expansion of such areas.

**22.200.115 Shoreline residential.**

A. Purpose. To accommodate residential development and appurtenant structures that are consistent with this program, and to provide appropriate public access and recreational uses.

B. Designation Criteria.

1. Shoreline areas that are predominately single-family or multifamily residential development or are planned or platted for residential development;
2. Does not include shorelines supporting existing residential development that may not support higher densities of development due to potential cumulative impacts to sensitive environments or safety, such as steep slopes or floodplains. Such shorelines shall be designated rural or urban conservancy, whichever applies.

C. Management Policies.

1. Standards for buffers, shoreline stabilization, vegetation conservation, critical area protection, and water quality should be set to assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
2. Multifamily and multi-lot residential and recreational developments should provide public access and joint use for community recreational facilities. If public access is not feasible on site, off-site options such as an in-lieu fee may be recommended.
3. Access, utilities, and public services should be available and adequate to serve existing needs and/or planned future development.
4. Commercial development should be limited to water-oriented uses. Water-oriented includes water-dependent, water-related and water-enjoyment uses.

**22.200.120 Urban conservancy.**

A. Purpose. To protect and restore ecological functions of open space, floodplain and other sensitive lands where they exist in urban and developed settings, while allowing a variety of compatible uses.

B. Designation Criteria. Shoreline areas within UGAs or LAMIRs that are appropriate and planned for development that is compatible with maintaining or restoring of the ecological functions of the area and generally are not suitable for water-dependent uses. Such areas must also have any of the following characteristics:

1. Area suitable for water-related or water-enjoyment uses;
2. Open space, floodplain or other sensitive areas that should not be more intensively developed or supporting resource-based uses;
3. Potential for ecological restoration;
4. Retained important ecological functions, even though partially developed; or
5. Potential for development that is compatible with ecological restoration or low impact development techniques.

6. Land having any of the above characteristics and currently supporting residential development may be urban conservancy, as may those areas into which a UGA boundary is expanded and thus has any of the above characteristics.

C. Management Policies.

1. Uses that preserve the natural character of the area or promote preservation of open space, floodplain or other sensitive lands either directly or over the long term should be the primary allowed uses. Uses that result in restoration or preservation of ecological functions should be allowed if the use is otherwise compatible with the purpose of the environment and the setting.
2. Standards for shoreline stabilization measures, vegetation conservation, water quality, and shoreline modifications shall ensure that new development does not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions, or further degrade other shoreline values.
3. Public access and public recreation objectives should be implemented whenever feasible and ecological impacts can be mitigated.
4. Water-oriented uses should be given priority over non-water-oriented uses. For shoreline areas adjacent to commercially navigable waters, water-dependent uses should be given highest priority.
5. Any development in the urban conservancy designation should implement low impact development techniques, as much as is feasible, in order to maintain and mitigate ecological functions.

**22.200.125 Rural conservancy.**

A. Purpose. To protect ecological functions, conserve existing natural resources and valuable historic and cultural areas in order to provide for sustained resource use, achieve natural floodplain processes, and provide recreational opportunities.

B. Designation Criteria. Shorelines outside the UGA or LAMIRD that have any of the following characteristics:

1. Currently support lesser intensity resource-based uses, such as agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, or recreational uses, or are designated agriculture or forest lands;
2. Currently accommodate residential uses but are subject to environmental limitations, such as properties that include or are adjacent to steep banks, feeder bluffs, or floodplains or other flood-prone areas;
3. Have high recreational value or have unique historic or cultural resources; or
4. Have low-intensity water-dependent uses.

Land designated urban conservancy and from which a UGA boundary is retracted may be designated as rural conservancy, if any of the above characteristics are present.

C. Management Policies.

1. Uses should be limited to those which sustain the shoreline area's physical and biological resources, and those of a nonpermanent nature that do not substantially degrade ecological functions or the rural or natural character of the shoreline area. Developments or uses that would substantially degrade or permanently deplete the physical and biological resources of the area should not be allowed.
2. New development should be designed and located to preclude the need for shoreline stabilization. New shoreline stabilization or flood control measures should only be allowed where there is a documented need to protect an existing structure or ecological functions and mitigation is applied.



3. Residential development standards shall ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions and should preserve the existing character of the shoreline consistent with the purpose of the “rural conservancy” environment.
4. Low-intensity, water-oriented commercial uses may be permitted in the limited instances where those uses have been located in the past or at unique sites in rural communities that possess shoreline conditions and services to support the development.
5. Water-dependent and water-enjoyment recreation facilities that do not deplete the resource over time, such as boating facilities, angling, hunting, wildlife viewing trails and swimming beaches, are preferred uses, provided significant adverse impacts to the shoreline area are mitigated.
6. Agriculture, commercial forestry and aquaculture, when consistent with the program, may be allowed.

**22.200.130 Natural.**

A. Purpose. To protect those shoreline areas that are relatively free of human influence or that include intact or minimally degraded shoreline functions intolerant of human use. In order to maintain ecological processes and functions, restrictions on the intensities and types of uses permitted in such areas are required. Restoration of degraded shorelines should be planned within this environment.

B. Designation Criteria. Shorelines having a unique asset or feature considered valuable for its natural or original condition that is relatively intolerant of intensive human use. This includes shorelines both in and out of the UGA or LAMIRD when any of the following characteristics apply:

1. The shoreline is ecologically intact and currently performing an important, irreplaceable function or ecosystem-wide process that would be damaged by human activity; or
2. The shoreline is considered to represent ecosystems and geologic types that are of scientific and educational interest; or
3. The shoreline is unable to support new development or uses without adverse impacts to ecological functions or risk to human safety; or
4. The shoreline includes largely undisturbed portions of shoreline areas such as wetlands, estuaries, unstable bluffs, coastal dunes, spits, and ecologically intact shoreline habitats.

C. Management Policies.

1. Any use that would substantially degrade or result in a net loss of ecological functions or natural character of the shoreline area should not be allowed. The following new uses should not be allowed: commercial, industrial and non-water-oriented recreation.
2. Any alteration should be designed with low impact development methods, or be capable of restoration to the natural condition, where feasible. New development or significant vegetation removal that would reduce the capability of vegetation to perform normal ecological functions should not be allowed.
3. Single-family residences, roads, parking areas and utility corridors may be allowed as a conditional use only if they cannot be located outside the natural designation or shoreline jurisdiction; provided, that the density and intensity of such use is limited to protect ecological functions and is consistent with the purpose of the designation.
4. Low-intensity, water-oriented recreational access, scientific, historical, cultural, educational research uses may be allowed; provided, that no significant ecological impact on the area will result.

**22.200.135 Aquatic.**

- A. Purpose. To protect, restore, and manage the unique characteristics and resources of the areas waterward of the OHWM.
- B. Designation Criteria. Lands waterward of the OHWM, which include tidelands, bedlands, and lands beneath freshwater shorelines of the state.
- C. Management Policies.
1. New over-water structures and development on navigable waters and their beds should be allowed only for water-dependent uses, public access or ecological restoration, and when:
    - a. They do not preclude attainment of ecological restoration; and
    - b. The size of the new over-water structure is limited to the minimum necessary to support the structure's intended use; and
    - c. Multiple use of the over-water facility has been encouraged; and
    - d. The structure or use is located and designed to minimize interference with surface navigation, to consider impacts to public views, to allow for the safe, unobstructed passage of fish and wildlife, particularly those species dependent on migration, and to ensure that the project does not conflict with existing water-dependent uses; and
    - e. The use or modification is designed and managed to prevent degradation of water quality and alteration of natural hydrographic conditions.
  2. When new over-water structures are proposed for residential development of two or more dwellings, joint use or community dock facilities should be utilized rather than single-use facilities.
  3. Development should be compatible with the adjoining upland designation.
  4. Existing over-water residences may continue through normal maintenance and repair, but should not be enlarged or expanded. New over-water residences should be prohibited.
  5. Applicants for any use or modification should schedule a staff consult to review the site conditions, and potential habitats and species. This consult should result in a general understanding of applicable development standards for the proposal.
  6. Development over or in critical freshwater or saltwater habitats should be limited to those which mitigate impacts according to mitigation sequencing, and development standards for that development activity.

**22.200.140 Official shoreline map.**

- A. As part of this program, there is one official Kitsap County shoreline environment designations map, which shall be in the custody of the department of community development and available for public inspection during normal business hours and on the Kitsap County website. Unofficial copies of the official map or portions thereof may be included or distributed with copies of this program (see Appendix A to the ordinance codified in this title).
- B. The purpose of the official shoreline environment designations map is to depict graphically those areas of Kitsap County falling under the jurisdiction of this program, and the shoreline environment designations of those areas.

**22.200.145 Map boundaries and errors.**

- A. Mapping Boundaries. Where the exact location of a jurisdiction or environment designation boundary line is uncertain, the official shoreline environment designations map will be used to determine the location of such line.

When resorting to the shoreline environment designations map does not resolve the conflict, the following rules will apply:

1. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streets, highways, alleys or other roadways shall be construed to follow such center lines;
2. Boundaries indicated as approximately following lot, fractional section or other subdivision lines shall be construed as following such subdivision lines;
3. Boundaries indicated as approximately following any lines of corporate limits or other local government jurisdictional lines shall be construed as following such lines;
4. Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed as following the center line of the railroad right-of-way;
5. Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features identified in subsections (A)(1) through (4) of this section shall be so construed;
6. Boundaries between parallel environment designations shall be construed as the top of the bluff or vegetation line that distinguishes existing development from the critical area abutting the shoreline;
7. When not specifically indicated on the shoreline environment designations map, distances shall be determined by the scale of the map;
8. Where existing physical or cultural features are at variance with those shown on the shoreline environment designations map and cannot be determined with certainty by applying subsections (A)(1) through (6) of this section, the director shall determine the location or existence of such feature utilizing the provisions of WAC 173-27-211, the policies of RCW 90.58.020, and the corresponding master program provisions herein; and
9. Where a parcel within the shoreline jurisdiction is separated from the water by an existing developed road or an additional parcel that serves to create a distinct break in connectivity to the shoreline, the parcel on the landward side may not be required to meet certain development regulations for that designation (such as public access, water-oriented use, or vegetation conservation standards), provided all other applicable provisions of this program are met, including no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

B. Mapping Errors. Some mapping errors may be adjusted prior to a master program amendment to assign the appropriate designation to that area by the following methods:

1. The common boundary descriptions and the criteria in RCW 90.58.030(2) and Chapter 173-22 WAC supersede the map when there are mapping error conflicts, other than those with a solution provided in this section.
2. In the event that a jurisdictional area, including associated wetlands, is not mapped, it will automatically be assigned a "rural conservancy" or "urban conservancy" designation depending on its location outside or inside of a UGA or LAMIRD. Such designation will apply until a master program amendment is approved that assigns the appropriate designation to the subject area.
3. In the event that a parcel was inadvertently assigned more than one designation, the more restrictive designation shall apply.
4. In the event that a parcel on the boundary between two designations appears to be a mapping error based on the criteria in this section, the county shall apply the most appropriate of the two designations, until such time as the map can be formally corrected consistent with WAC 173-26-100 and Section 22.500.105(I) (Shoreline Master Program Amendment).

5. In the event of an environment designation mapping error where the master program update or amendment record, including the public hearing process, is clear in terms of the correct environment designation to apply to a property, the county shall apply the environment designation approved through the master program update or amendment process and correct the map.

6. If the environment designation criteria were misapplied, but the update or amendment record, including the public hearing process, does not clearly show that a different designation was intended to be shown on the map, a master program amendment may be obtained consistent with WAC 173-26-100 and Section 22.500.105(1) (Shoreline Master Program Amendment). This process is intended to allow for reasonable corrections to the shoreline environment designation process. Such process shall include early consultation with the Department of Ecology and other agencies with jurisdiction, affected tribes, and appropriate public notification prior to local approval. Current designations are reflected in the shoreline environment designations map (Appendix A to the ordinance codified in this title).

## Chapter 22.300

### GENERAL GOALS AND POLICIES

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#### **22.300.050 Applicability.**

A. The general goals and policies of this chapter apply to all use and development activities within the program's jurisdiction, regardless of environment designation. As provided in WAC 173-26-191, these policies are the basis for regulations that govern use and development along the shoreline. Some program policies may not be fully achievable by regulatory means, but may be pursued by other means as provided in RCW 90.58.240.

B. Regulation of administrative actions contained herein must be implemented with consideration to the public trust doctrine, regulatory takings, and other applicable legal principles as appropriate.

#### **22.300.100 Critical areas and ecological protection.**

Goal: Protect and conserve shoreline natural resources, including protection of critical areas, while accommodating reasonable and appropriate uses which will assure, at a minimum, no net loss to shoreline ecological functions and processes.

A. Policy SH-1. Protect and conserve shoreline areas that are ecologically intact and minimally developed or degraded. Develop incentives and regulations for privately owned shorelines that will protect and conserve these areas while allowing reasonable and appropriate development.

B. Policy SH-2. Recognize that nearly all shorelines, even substantially developed or degraded areas, retain important ecological functions.

C. Policy SH-3. Utilize transfer of development rights as allowed by Chapter 17.580, ~~or as now or hereafter amended~~, as an option to protect ecological functions.

D. Policy SH-4. Permitted uses and developments should be designed and conducted in a manner that protects the current ecological condition, and prevents or mitigates adverse impacts. Mitigation measures shall be applied in the following sequence of steps listed in order of priority:

1. Avoid the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action;
2. Minimize impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation by using appropriate technology or by taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts;
3. Rectify the impact by repairing, rehabilitating or restoring the affected environment;
4. Reduce or eliminate the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations;
5. Compensate for the impact by replacing, enhancing, or providing substitute resources or environments, including utilization of the in-lieu fee process where appropriate; and

6. Monitor the impact and the mitigation projects and take appropriate corrective measures.

E. Policy SH-5. Shoreline ecological functions that should be protected include, but are not limited to:

1. Habitat (space or conditions for reproduction; resting, hiding and migration; and food production and delivery);
2. Water quality maintenance; and
3. Water quantity maintenance.

F. Policy SH-6. Shoreline processes, both freshwater and marine, that should be protected to support the above functions include but are not limited to the delivery, loss and movement of:

1. Sediment;
2. Water;
3. Nutrients;
4. Toxins;
5. Pathogens; and
6. Large woody material.

G. Policy SH-7. In assessing the potential for new uses and developments to impact ecological functions and processes, the following should be taken into account:

1. On-site and off-site impacts;
2. Immediate and long-term impacts;
3. Cumulative impacts, from both current and reasonably foreseeable future actions, resulting from the project; and
4. Any mitigation measures or beneficial effects of established regulatory programs to offset impacts.

H. Policy SH-8. Critical areas in the shoreline jurisdiction shall be protected in a manner that results in no net loss to shoreline ecological functions. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.030(5), critical areas include:

1. Wetlands.
2. Frequently flooded areas.
3. Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.
4. Geologically hazardous areas.
5. Critical aquifer recharge areas.

**22.300.105 Vegetation conservation.**

Goal: Conserve, protect and restore shoreline vegetation to provide for ecological and habitat functions as well as human health and safety. These functions include, but are not limited to, variable shading of the nearshore, food and shelter for terrestrial and aquatic organisms, and slope/soil stabilization.

A. Policy SH-9. Preserve native plant communities on marine, river, lake and wetland shorelines. In order to maintain shoreline ecological functions and processes, development along the shoreline should result in minimal direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts. This includes:

1. Keeping overhanging vegetation intact along the shoreline edge to provide shading and other ecological functions;
2. Preserving established areas of native plants and minimizing clearing and grading near bluff edges and other erosion or landslide-prone areas in order to maintain slope stability and prevent excess surface erosion and stormwater runoff;
3. Designing and placing structures and associated development in areas that avoid disturbance of established native plants, especially trees and shrubs; and
4. Removal of noxious weeds in accordance with WAC 16-750-020.

B. Policy SH-10. Shoreline landowners are encouraged to preserve and enhance native woody vegetation and native groundcovers to stabilize soils and provide habitat. When shoreline uses or modifications require a planting plan, maintaining native plant communities, replacing noxious weeds and avoiding installation of ornamental plants are preferred. Nonnative vegetation requiring use of fertilizers, herbicides/pesticides, or summer watering is discouraged.

C. Policy SH-11. Maintaining native or ecologically functional vegetation is preferred over clearing to provide views or lawns. Limited and selective clearing may be allowed when slope stability and ecological functions are not compromised. Limited trimming and pruning is generally preferred over removal of native vegetation.

#### **22.300.110 Water quality and quantity.**

Goal: Provide regulations and voluntary incentives to encourage practices which protect water quality and reduce stormwater runoff and erosion in order to protect against adverse impacts to the public health, to the land and its vegetation and wildlife, and to the waters of the state and its aquatic life.

A. Policy SH-12. Shoreline use and development should minimize impacts that contaminate surface or ground water, cause adverse effects on shoreline ecological functions, or impact aesthetic qualities and recreational opportunities, including healthy shellfish harvest.

B. Policy SH-13. Ensure mutual consistency with other regulations that address water quality and stormwater quantity, including standards as provided for in Title 12 (Storm Water Drainage) and Chapter 173-201A WAC (Water Quality Standards).

C. Policy SH-14. Utilize pervious materials and other appropriate low impact development techniques where soils and geologic conditions are suitable and where such practices could reduce stormwater runoff.

D. Policy SH-15. All shoreline use and development shall be conducted in accordance with Title 15 (Flood Hazard Areas). The subdivision of land should not be established when it would be reasonably foreseeable that the development or use would require structural flood hazard reduction measures within the channel migration zone or floodway. When evaluating alternate flood control measures or floodplain restoration opportunities, consider the removal or relocation of structures in flood-prone areas.

#### **22.300.115 Economic development.**

Goal: Provide for the location and design of industries, transportation, port and tourist facilities, commerce and other developments that are particularly dependent upon a shoreline location and/or use, when the shoreline can accommodate such development.

A. Policy SH-16. Accommodate and promote, in priority order, water-dependent, water-related and water-enjoyment economic development. Such development should occur in those areas already partially developed with similar uses consistent with this program, areas already zoned for such uses consistent with the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, or areas appropriate for water-oriented recreation.

B. Policy SH-17. Water-oriented economic development, such as those aquaculture activities encouraged under the Washington Shellfish Initiative, should be encouraged and shall be carried out in such a way as to minimize adverse effects and mitigate unavoidable adverse impacts to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

**22.300.120 Historic, archaeological, cultural, scientific and educational resources.**

Goal: Protect shoreline features of historic, archaeological, cultural, scientific and educational value or significance through coordination and consultation with the appropriate local, state and federal authorities, affected Indian tribes, and property owners.

A. Policy SH-18. Prevent damage or destruction of historic, archaeological, cultural, scientific and educational (HASCE) sites through coordinated identification, protection and management with the appropriate local, state and federal authorities and registrars, affected Indian tribes, and property owners.

B. Policy SH-19. Provide opportunities for education and appreciation related to HASCE features where appropriate and where maximum protection of the resource can be achieved.

**22.300.125 Shoreline use and site planning.**

Goal: Preserve and develop shorelines in a manner that allows for an orderly balance of uses by considering the public and private use, along with the development of shorelines and adjacent land areas with respect to the general distribution, location and extent of such uses and development.

A. Policy SH-20. For shoreline use and development activities, including plats and subdivisions at full build-out, employ innovative development features to achieve no net loss of ecological functions, such as sustainable and low impact development practices where appropriate.

B. Policy SH-21. Give preference to water-dependent uses and single-family residential uses that are consistent with preservation of shoreline ecological functions and processes. Secondary preference should be given to water-related and water-enjoyment uses. Non-water-oriented uses should be limited to those locations where the above-described uses are inappropriate or where non-water-oriented uses demonstrably contribute to the objectives of the Act. For use preference within shorelines of statewide significance, see Section 22.300.145(B).

C. Policy SH-22. Designate and maintain appropriate areas for protecting and restoring shoreline ecological functions and processes to control pollution and prevent damage to the shoreline environment and/or public health.

D. Policy SH-23. Through appropriate site planning and use of the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available, shoreline use and development should be located and designed to avoid the need for shoreline stabilization or actions that would result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

E. Policy SH-24. Aquaculture is of statewide interest. Properly managed, it can result in long-term, over short-term, benefit and can protect the resources and ecology of the shoreline. Aquaculture is dependent on the use of the water area and, when consistent with the control of pollution and prevention of damage to the environment, is a preferred use of the water area.

F. Policy SH-25. Potential locations for aquaculture activities are relatively restricted by water quality, temperature, dissolved oxygen content, currents, adjacent land use, wind protection, commercial navigation, and salinity. The technology associated with some forms of aquaculture is still experimental and in formative states. Therefore, some latitude should be given when implementing the regulations of this section; provided, that potential impacts on existing uses and shoreline ecological functions and processes should be given due consideration. However, experimental aquaculture projects in water bodies should include conditions for adaptive management. "Experimental aquaculture" means an aquaculture activity that uses methods or technologies that are unprecedented or unproven in Washington.

G. Policy SH-26. Aquaculture activities should be located, designed and operated in a manner that supports long-term beneficial use of the shoreline and protects and maintains shoreline ecological functions and processes.

H. Policy SH-27. Aquaculture should not be permitted where it would result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions and processes, adversely impact eelgrass and macroalgae, or significantly conflict with navigation and



other water-dependent uses. Aquaculture is not required to protect state-listed noxious weed species when control methods are conducted within applicable agency standards. In general, the following preferences apply when considering new aquaculture activities:

1. Projects that are not likely to negatively impact critical saltwater habitats.
  2. Projects that involve little or no substrate modification.
  3. Projects that involve little or no supplemental food sources, pesticides, herbicides or antibiotic application.
- I. Policy SH-28. Aquaculture facilities should be designed and located to avoid:
1. The spread of disease to native aquatic life;
  2. The establishment of new nonnative species, which cause significant ecological impacts; and
  3. Significant impact to the aesthetic qualities of the shoreline.
- J. Policy SH-29. Upland uses and modifications should be properly managed to avoid degradation of water quality of existing shellfish areas.
- K. Policy SH-30. Planting and harvesting by boat shall be preferred over low-tide harvest methods where feasible.
- L. Policy SH-31. Noncommercial and small-scale aquaculture projects should be encouraged through the shoreline exemption process (Section 22.500.100(C)).

**22.300.130 Public access and recreation.**

Goal: Provide physical and visual public access opportunities and space for diverse forms of water-oriented recreation in such a way that private property rights, public safety, and shoreline ecological functions and processes are protected in accordance with existing laws and statutes.

- A. Policy SH-32. Protect the public's opportunity to enjoy the physical and visual qualities of the shoreline by balancing shoreline use and development in such a way that minimizes interference with the public's use or enjoyment of the water. This may be achieved through regulatory provisions, incentives or other cooperative agreements.
- B. Policy SH-33. Evaluate site-appropriate types and methods of required public access when reviewing all public shoreline development projects and private subdivision of land into more than four parcels. Based on project-specific circumstances, this may include physical or visual access on or off site.
- C. Policy SH-34. Acquire, maintain and improve diverse physical and visual shoreline access through public and private efforts. This should be accomplished in a comprehensive and prioritized manner through the use of existing plans and programs, including those that address population growth and shoreline access demands such as the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, the Kitsap County Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, and other port and state park plans.
- D. Policy SH-35. Publicly owned, undeveloped road-ends, tax-title lands and rights-of-way adjacent to salt and freshwater shorelines should be evaluated for use as public access points. These lands may be developed for access by a community organization, consistent with Chapter 11.36 ~~as now or hereafter amended~~.
- E. Policy SH-36. Use shoreline public access points to enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of shoreline ecology, cultural history, maritime heritage, and location specific rules and boundaries by incorporating educational and interpretive signage and other tools into public access facilities.

**22.300.135 Restoration and enhancement.**

Goal: Reestablish, rehabilitate and/or otherwise improve impaired shoreline ecological functions and processes through voluntary and incentive-based public and private programs and actions that are consistent with the shoreline restoration plan (Appendix C to the ordinance codified in this title). (Note: This section does not address required mitigation sequencing related to specific development proposals; see Section 22.400.110(A) for mitigation standards.)

A. Policy SH-37. Integrate and facilitate voluntary and incentive-based cooperative restoration and enhancement programs between local, state, and federal public agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, and landowners to address shorelines with impaired ecological functions and/or processes.

B. Policy SH-38. Identify restoration opportunities through sources such as the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report, salmon recovery plans, local watershed plans, Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project (PSNERP), and the Salmon Recovery Lead Entity Habitat Work Schedule, and authorize, coordinate and facilitate appropriate publicly and privately initiated restoration projects. This shall be accomplished through the shoreline restoration plan (Appendix C to the ordinance codified in this title), which addresses the following:

1. Identification of degraded areas and sites with potential for ecological restoration;
2. Restoration goals and priorities;
3. Existing and ongoing projects and programs;
4. Additional projects and programs to achieve the restoration goals;
5. Funding sources, timelines and benchmarks for implementation; and
6. Monitoring effectiveness of restoration projects.

C. Policy SH-39. Encourage and facilitate restoration and enhancement projects for priority habitats and species (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, PHS Program).

D. Policy SH-40. Shoreline ecosystem protection and restoration projects shall be prioritized, located and designed utilizing the most current, accurate and complete scientific and technical information available to promote resiliency of habitats and species.

**22.300.140 Transportation and utilities.**

Goal: Plan, locate and design transportation systems and essential utility facilities in shoreline areas where they will have the least possible adverse effect on shoreline ecological functions and/or processes and existing or planned water-dependent uses.

A. Policy SH-41. Plan, locate and design proposed transportation, parking facilities, and utility facilities where routes will avoid a net loss of shoreline ecological functions or will not adversely impact existing or planned water-dependent uses.

B. Policy SH-42. Parking facilities in shorelines are not a preferred use. Such facilities shall only be allowed as necessary to support an authorized use and only when environmental and visual impacts are minimized.

C. Policy SH-43. New or expanded transportation routes and essential utility facilities shall, to the extent feasible:

1. Be located in areas that do not require shoreline stabilization, dredging, extensive cut/fill and other forms of shoreline alteration;
2. Be limited to local access and public shoreline access routes;

3. Be located in existing rights-of-way and corridors; and
4. Not be built within shoreline jurisdiction when other options are available.

D. Policy SH-44. Transportation and utility projects shall be consistent with the public access policies and plans of this program.

E. Policy SH-45. Provide for alternate modes of travel, including pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation, where appropriate.

F. Policy SH-46. Maintenance of existing transportation corridors and utility facilities shall be carried out in a manner that:

1. Will avoid a net loss of shoreline ecological functions; and
2. Where feasible and appropriate, improve shoreline ecological functions.

Unavoidable adverse impacts shall be mitigated.

#### **22.300.145 Shorelines of statewide significance.**

A. Designation. The Act designated certain shoreline areas as shorelines of statewide significance. Shorelines thus designated are important to the entire state. Because these shorelines are major resources from which all people of the state derive benefit, the statewide interest should be recognized and protected over the local interest.

Those areas that have been designated as shorelines of statewide significance (RCW 90.58.030) in Kitsap County are:

1. Puget Sound: those areas lying seaward from the line of extreme low tide.
2. Hood Canal: from Kitsap-Mason line to Foulweather Bluff, from the line of extreme low tide to the OHWM, and associated shorelands.

Goal: To ensure that the statewide interest is recognized and protected over the local interest in shorelines of statewide significance, the county shall review all development proposals within shorelines of statewide significance for consistency with RCW 90.58.020 and the following policies (in order of preference):

B. Countywide Policies.

1. Policy SH-47. Recognize and protect the statewide interest over local interest.
  - a. The Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Ecology, affected tribes, other resources agencies, and interest groups should be consulted for development proposals that could affect anadromous fisheries or other priority species or habitats.
  - b. Recognize and take into account state agencies' policies, programs and recommendations in developing and administering use regulations.
2. Policy SH-48. Preserve the natural character of the shoreline.
  - a. Administer shoreline environments and regulations to minimize damage to the unique character and ecology of shorelines of statewide significance.
  - b. Where natural resources of statewide importance are being diminished over time by human activities, restoration of those resources should be facilitated.
  - c. In order to reduce adverse impacts to the environment while accommodating future growth, new intensive development activities should upgrade and redevelop those areas where intensive development

already occurs, rather than allowing high intensity uses to extend into low intensity use or underdeveloped areas.

3. Policy SH-49. Result in the long-term over short-term benefit.
    - a. Preserve sufficient shorelands and submerged lands to accommodate current and projected demand for economic resources, such as shellfish beds and navigable harbors.
    - b. Actions that would convert resources into irreversible uses or detrimentally alter natural conditions that are characteristic of shorelines of statewide significance should be severely limited.
    - c. Evaluate the short-term economic gain or convenience of developments in relationship to long-term and potentially costly impairments to the natural environment.
    - d. Actively promote aesthetic considerations when contemplating new development, redevelopment of existing facilities, or for the general enhancement of shoreline areas.
  4. Policy SH-50. Protect the resources and ecology of the shoreline.
    - a. Projects shall be required to consider incremental and cumulative impacts while ensuring no net loss of shoreline ecosystem processes and functions.
    - b. In order to ensure the long-term protection of ecological resources of statewide importance, activities impacting anadromous fish habitats, forage fish spawning and rearing areas, shellfish beds and other unique environments should be severely limited.
    - c. Limit public access where improvements would result in a loss of shoreline ecological functions, such as in priority or sensitive habitats.
  5. Policy SH-51. Increase public access to publicly owned areas of the shorelines.
    - a. Preserve and encourage public access with special scenic or cultural qualities.
    - b. Give priority to developing paths and trails to shoreline areas and linear access along the shorelines, where appropriate.
    - c. Locate development, including parking, as far inland from the OHWM as is feasible so that access is enhanced.
  6. Policy SH-52. Increase recreational opportunities for the public in the shoreline.
    - a. Public access and recreation requirements should take into account the activities of state agencies and the interests of the citizens of the state to visit public shorelines.
    - b. Plan for and encourage development of facilities for recreational use of the shorelines, but reserve areas for lodging and related facilities on uplands well away from the shoreline, with provisions for nonmotorized access to the shorelines.
- C. Hood Canal Policies.
1. Policy SH-53. Kitsap County recognizes that Hood Canal is a unique and significant marine resource. As such, Kitsap County should work to minimize use conflicts, exercise responsibility toward the canal's resources, and require commitment to water quality preservation.
  2. Policy SH-54. In planning for the future development of Hood Canal, the statewide interest should be protected over the local interest.

3. Policy SH-55. The Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) is a regional organization comprised of Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason County governments, and the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Skokomish tribes. The HCCC has been recognized by the state, including the Puget Sound Partnership, and the counties as having an important role in protecting, enhancing, and restoring the resources of Hood Canal. As such, the HCCC has developed an integrated watershed management plan, incorporated herein by reference, which should be consulted for guidance when reviewing new shoreline projects on Hood Canal.

4. Policy SH-56. The public interest in Hood Canal concerns the natural character and the future development. The scope of the public interest concerning the future development of Hood Canal includes all residents of the state, tribes, the three county governments, and federal- and state-owned lands.

## Chapter 22.400 GENERAL REGULATIONS

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### **22.400.100 Existing development.**

A. Existing Uses.

1. Lawfully established uses occurring as of the effective date of this program shall be considered conforming to this program, with the exception of existing over-water residences and existing non-water-oriented commercial or industrial uses, which shall be considered nonconforming.
2. All lawfully established uses, both conforming and nonconforming, may continue and may be repaired, maintained, expanded or modified consistent with the Act and this program.
3. Any change in use shall conform to the standards of this program and may require a conditional use permit (CUP) in accordance with Section 22.500.100(D). A CUP may be granted only if no reasonable alternative use meeting the standards is practical, and the proposed use will be at least as consistent with the policies and provisions of this program and the Act and as the uses in the area as the preexisting use. Conditions may be imposed that are necessary to assure compliance with the above findings and with the requirements of this program and the Act, to assure that the use will not become a nuisance or a hazard, and to assure that the use will not result in a net loss of the ecological function of the shoreline.
4. If a use is discontinued for twelve consecutive months or for twelve months during any two-year period, any subsequent use, if allowed, shall comply with the Act and this program.

B. Existing Structures.

1. Lawfully Constructed Structures.

- a. Lawfully constructed structures, including those approved through a variance, built before the effective date of this program shall be considered conforming, with the exception of existing over-water residences, which shall be considered nonconforming.
- b. All lawfully constructed structures may continue and may be repaired or maintained in accordance with the Act and this program.
- c. Lawfully constructed conforming structures may be expanded or redeveloped in accordance with the mitigation standards of Chapter 22.800, Appendix B (Mitigation Options to Achieve No Net Loss for New or Re-Development Activities), and all other applicable regulations. Such expanded or redeveloped structures shall be considered conforming.

d. In the event that a legally existing structure is damaged or destroyed by fire, explosion or other casualty, it may be reconstructed to configurations existing immediately prior to the time the structure was damaged or destroyed, provided a ~~complete~~ complete application ~~submittal~~ submittal is made for the necessary permits within ~~twelve~~ six months of the date the damage or destruction occurred, and the restoration is completed within two years of permit issuance or the conclusion of any appeal on the permit.

e. Any legally existing structure that is moved any distance must be brought into conformance with the Act and this program.

2. Existing Appurtenances to Single-Family Residences. Those legally existing appurtenances that are common to existing single-family residences shall be considered conforming to this program. Such appurtenances may include garages and sheds, but shall not include bulkheads, over-water structures or other shoreline modifications.

3. Vegetation conservation standards of this program shall not apply retroactively in a way which requires lawfully existing uses and developments, including residential landscaping and gardens, to be removed, except as required as mitigation for new and expanded development.

4. Structures, improvements, docks, fills or developments lawfully placed in or over navigable waters prior to December 4, 1969, shall be considered nonconforming, but may continue in accordance with RCW 90.58.270.

C. Existing Lots.

1. An undeveloped lot, tract, parcel, site, or division of land located landward of the OHWM that was created or established in accordance with local and state subdivision requirements prior to the effective date of this program or the Act, but which does not conform to the present lot size standards, may be developed if permitted by other land use regulations so long as such development conforms to all other requirements of this program or the Act.

2. This section does not modify the rules regarding the development of plats under RCW 58.17.170 as now or hereafter amended.

**22.400.105 Proposed development.**

A. Location.

1. New development shall be located and designed to avoid or, if that is not possible, to minimize the need for new and maintenance dredging.

2. New development shall be located and designed to avoid the need for future shoreline stabilization for the life of the structure. Likewise, any new development which would require shoreline stabilization which causes significant impacts to adjacent or down-current properties shall not be allowed.

3. New development on lots constrained by depth, topography or critical areas shall be located to minimize, to the extent feasible, the need for shoreline stabilization.

4. New development on steep slopes or bluffs shall be set back sufficiently to ensure that shoreline stabilization is unlikely to be necessary during the life of the structure, as demonstrated by a geotechnical analysis.

5. Subdivision shall be planned to avoid the need for shoreline stabilization for newly created lots, utilizing geotechnical analysis where applicable.

6. Non-water-oriented facilities and accessory structures, except for preferred shoreline uses, such as single-family residences and single-family residential appurtenances when consistent with buffer provisions in this chapter, must be located landward of buffers and adjacent water-oriented uses, or outside shoreline jurisdiction, unless no other location is feasible.

B. Standards for Work Waterward of OHWM.

1. Water-dependent in-water structures, activities, and uses are not subject to the shoreline buffers established in this program.
2. Projects involving in-water work must obtain all applicable state and federal permits or approvals, including those from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and/or Washington Department of Natural Resources.
3. Projects involving in-water work must comply with timing restrictions as set forth by state and federal project approvals.
4. Protection of Bank and Vegetation.
  - a. Alteration or disturbance of the bank and bank vegetation must be limited to that necessary to perform the in-water work.
  - b. All disturbed areas must be restored and protected from erosion using vegetation or other means.
5. If, at any time, water quality problems develop as a result of in-water work, immediate notification must be made to any appropriate state or federal agency, e.g., Ecology, WDFW, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, etc. Affected tribes shall also be notified.

**22.400.110 Mitigation.**

A. Mitigation Sequencing.

1. Permitted uses and developments shall be designed and conducted in a manner that protects the current ecological condition, and prevents or mitigates adverse impacts. Mitigation measures shall be applied in the following sequence of steps, listed in order of priority:
  - a. Avoid the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action;
  - b. Minimize impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation by using appropriate technology or by taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts;
  - c. Rectify the impact by repairing, rehabilitating or restoring the affected environment;
  - d. Reduce or eliminate the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations;
  - e. Compensate for the impact by replacing, enhancing, or providing substitute resources or environments, including utilization of the in-lieu fee process where appropriate; and
  - f. Monitor the impact and the mitigation projects, and take appropriate corrective measures.
2. Application of the mitigation sequence shall achieve no net loss of ecological functions for each new development and shall not result in required mitigation in excess of that necessary to assure that development will result in no net loss of shoreline ecological functions and not have a significant adverse impact on other functions fostered by the policy of the Act or this program.

B. Mitigation Options.

1. After mitigation sequencing is applied in accordance with subsection (A) of this section, Chapter 22.800, Appendix B, Mitigation Options to Achieve No Net Loss for New or Re-Development Activities, shall be utilized for compensatory mitigation options.
2. Site selection for compensatory mitigation shall consider factors to determine the most ecologically suitable potential mitigation site. References for consideration when determining an appropriate site selection may



include the Hood Canal Coordinating Council In-Lieu Fee Program Instrument, Appendix H, Watershed Approach to Mitigation, or other current resources informing mitigation decisions.

3. Proposals that use ratios different from those prescribed in this program, that seek to obtain alternative buffers (Section 22.400.120(C)), or that include larger modifications in a buffer (Section 22.400.120(D)) may be approved if justified in a shoreline mitigation plan consistent with Section 22.700.140 when prepared by a qualified professional as defined in Section 22.150.505(B). Where applicable, a shoreline variance may be required in accordance with Section 22.500.100(E).

4. Activities not listed in Chapter 22.800, Appendix B, that result in adverse impacts to shoreline ecological functions shall also be subject to compensatory mitigation requirements.

5. When compensatory mitigation becomes necessary on a site where documented restoration activities have occurred within the previous five years, but after the effective date of this program, such documented restoration may be utilized as mitigation to offset new development impacts, provided the restoration was voluntary and not required as mitigation for prior development impacts. Mitigation credit for prior restoration activities shall be determined upon application for the impacting project, and shall, at a minimum, be commensurate with the proposed level of impact unless additional compensatory mitigation is provided.

C. Mitigation Compliance.

1. Unless otherwise specified, mitigation shall take place prior to final project inspection to provide assurance that it will be completed and to mitigate for temporal loss of shoreline functions.

2. Kitsap County shall require monitoring reports on an annual basis for a minimum of five years and up to ten years, or until mitigation success is demonstrated through at least two consecutive monitoring reports. The mitigation plan shall provide specific criteria for monitoring the mitigation project. Results and additional conditions shall be electronically tagged to the parcel for future reference.

3. Mitigation requirements shall run with the parcel, and notice of such requirements shall be recorded as a notice to title. Mitigation as conditioned under project approval shall be maintained in perpetuity, except where authorized through review of an alternative mitigation plan.

4. In the event that a subsequent landowner applies for additional permits, the electronic permit database will be queried for past mitigation requirements. If such mitigation is no longer in place or functioning, it shall be reinstalled prior to permit issuance.

5. Mitigation enforcement shall occur under the authority of Chapter 22.500, Permit Provisions, Review and Enforcement.

**22.400.115 Critical areas.**

A. Incorporation of Title 19. The following sections of Title 19, Critical Areas Ordinance, ~~dated February 26, 2007 June 28, 2021~~, are incorporated herein by this reference, and provided in Chapter 22.800, Appendix E, for reference purposes only, except as supplemented or modified under subsections (B) through (E) of this section:

1. Standards for existing development (Section 19.100.130\*), as applicable and consistent with Chapter 22.500.

~~2. Critical area and buffer notice to title (Section 19.100.150\*).~~

~~3.~~ General application requirements (Section 19.100.155\*).

~~4.~~ Inventory provisions (Section 19.100.160\*).

~~5.~~ Critical aquifer recharge areas (Chapter 19.600\*).

~~6.~~ Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas (Chapter 19.300\*).

- ~~76.~~ Frequently flooded areas (Chapter 19.500\*).
- ~~87.~~ Geologically hazardous areas (Chapter 19.400\*).
- ~~98.~~ Wetlands (Chapter 19.200\*).
- ~~109.~~ Definitions (Chapter 19.150\*), except where conflict exists, then the definitions in this program shall govern.

\* **Editor's Note:** Hyperlinks are to a PDF of the June 28, 2021 ~~2007~~ CAO and not to current code provisions.

B. Frequently Flooded Areas. Before new development activities are permitted within the floodplain, compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) protection standards for critical habitats for listed species shall be demonstrated through submittal of a habitat management plan prepared by a qualified wildlife biologist.

Also see Section 22.400.150 (Flood hazard reduction measures) for additional regulations governing uses and modifications in floodways, floodplains and channel migration zones.

C. Critical Freshwater Habitats. Critical freshwater habitats include those portions of streams, rivers, wetlands, lakes and their associated channel migration zones and floodplains that provide habitat for priority species at any stage in their life cycles, and provide critical ecosystem-wide processes, as established in WAC 173-26-221(2)(c)(iv). Specific standards follow.

1. Lakes ~~over~~ Twenty Acres or greater.
  - a. Vegetation buffers shall be retained for each shoreline environment designation as specified in Section 22.400.120 (Vegetation conservation buffers).
  - b. Where a lot cannot accommodate required buffers due to size, shape or topography, the alternatives for new development (Section 22.400.120(C)(1)) and alternatives for existing development (Section 22.400.120(C)(2)) shall apply.
  - c. The specific shoreline use and modification development standards of the program shall apply (Chapter 22.600).
2. Streams and Rivers over Twenty cfs Mean Annual Flow.
  - a. A two-hundred-foot vegetation buffer and an additional fifteen-foot building setback shall be maintained from the OHWM. Additional critical area setbacks may apply where flood hazard areas, geologically hazardous areas, or wetlands are present.
  - b. Where a lot cannot accommodate required buffers due to size, shape or topography, the alternatives for new development (Section 22.400.120(C)(1)) and alternatives for existing development (Section 22.400.120(C)(2)) shall apply.
  - c. The specific shoreline use and modification development standards of the program shall apply (Chapter 22.600).
3. The subdivision of land shall not be established when it would be reasonably foreseeable that the development or use would require structural flood hazard reduction measures within the channel migration zone or floodway. When evaluating alternate flood control measures or floodplain restoration opportunities, the removal or relocation of structures in flood-prone areas shall be given consideration.

D. Critical Saltwater Habitats.

1. Critical saltwater habitats require a higher level of protection due to the important ecological functions they provide. Nonresidential docks, bulkheads, bridges, fill, floats, jetties, utility crossings and other human-

made structures shall not intrude into or over critical saltwater habitats except in the following circumstances, and only when the applicable use or modification standards are also met (Chapter 22.600).

- a. The public's need for such a action or structure is clearly demonstrated, and the proposal is consistent with protection of the public trust.
  - b. Avoidance of impacts to critical saltwater habitats by an alternative alignment or location is not feasible or would result in unreasonable and disproportionate cost to accomplish the same general purpose. A cost analysis may be required to assist with the feasibility determination.
  - c. The project, along with any required mitigation, will result in no net loss of ecological functions associated with critical saltwater habitat.
  - d. The project is consistent with the state's interest in resource protection and species recovery.
2. When a habitat survey (see Section 22.700.145, Biological and habitat surveys) is required pursuant to the applicable use or modification section, the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report shall be consulted as a basis for existing conditions, along with a appropriate field verification. See the applicable sections for specific measures necessary for minimization and mitigation of impacts to critical saltwater habitats.
3. Critical saltwater habitats include (see Chapter 22.150, Definitions, for more detail):
- a. Kelp beds.
  - b. Eelgrass beds.
  - c. Spawning and holding areas for forage fish, such as herring, smelt and sand lance.
  - d. Shellfish beds (subsistence, commercial and recreational).
  - e. Mudflats.
  - f. Intertidal habitats with vascular plants.
  - g. Areas with which priority species have a primary association.
- E. Geologically Hazardous Areas. Channel migration zones shall be classified as landslide hazard areas, and may be either high geologic hazard or low geologic hazard depending on the site characteristics outlined in Section 19.400.410(A). Channel migration zone maps can be found in Appendix D to the ordinance codified in this title.

#### F. Wetlands.

1. Exemptions for small wetlands in Section 19.200.210.C shall not apply.
2. A wetland buffer may not be reduced through averaging more than twenty-five percent of the standard buffer width applied per Section 19.200.220.B.1. The fifty percent averaging reduction allowed in Section 19.200.220.B.1.e shall not apply.
3. Administrative buffer reductions in Section 19.200.220.B.2 a-d shall not apply.
4. Additional development standards for certain uses in Sections 19.200.225.C and G shall not apply.
- ~~4. Consistent with WAC 173-22-035, wetlands in shoreline jurisdiction shall be delineated using the procedure outlined in the approved federal wetland delineation manual and applicable regional supplements, rather than the procedure specified in KCC 19.200.210(A)(1)\*.~~

~~2. A wetland buffer may not be reduced through averaging more than twenty five percent of the standard buffer width applied per Section 19.200.220(A) and (B). The fifty percent averaging reduction allowed in Section 19.200.220(C)\* shall not apply.~~

~~3. Category II wetland buffers with a high level of function for habitat shall be increased by one hundred feet for moderate intensity land uses and one hundred twenty five feet for high intensity land uses, rather than the current figures stated in Section 19.200.220(B)\*, Table 19.200.220(E).~~

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#### ~~G. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.~~

~~1. Type S waters, defined by WAC 222-16-030, are regulated by this program and not the buffer and other provisions of Chapter 19.300\*.~~

~~2. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (May 2007 or as hereafter amended) shall be used to develop bald eagle management plans rather than WDFW's bald eagle protection rules (WAC 232-12-292) as specified in Section 19.300.315(B)\*.~~

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### **22.400.120 Vegetation conservation buffers.**

#### **A. General Regulations.**

1. Vegetation conservation buffers provide a means to conserve, protect and restore shoreline vegetation in order to provide for ecological and habitat functions as well as human health and safety. Buffers shall consist of a non-clearing area established to protect the integrity, functions and values of the affected critical area or shoreline, but may also be modified and reduced to accommodate allowed uses when consistent with the Act and this program. The standards below provide a flexible approach to maximize both ecological functions and water-dependent uses.

2. Vegetation conservation standards shall not be applied retroactively in a way which requires lawfully existing uses and developments (as of the effective date of this program), including residential landscaping and gardens, to be removed, except when required as mitigation for new or expanded development.

3. In order to implement this program's policies for preservation of native plant communities on marine, river, lake and wetland shorelines, mitigation sequencing shall be applied during site planning for uses and activities within the shoreline jurisdiction so that the design and location of the structure or development minimizes native vegetation removal. Development or uses that require vegetation clearing shall be designed to avoid the following in the order indicated below, with subsection (A)(3)(a) of this section being the most desirable vegetation to retain:

- a. Native trees;
- b. Other native vegetation;
- c. Nonnative trees; and
- d. Other nonnative vegetation.

#### **B. Buffer Widths.**

1. Standard Buffer. Each shoreline environment designation shall have a starting, or standard, buffer as measured landward from the OHWM. This buffer shall be adhered to unless otherwise allowed as described in the reduced standard buffer provisions below. The standard buffers for each environment designation are as follows:

- a. High intensity: fifty feet.

- b. Shoreline residential: eight-five feet.
- c. Urban conservancy: one hundred feet.
- d. Rural conservancy: one hundred thirty feet.
- e. Natural: two hundred feet.
- f. The standard buffer for shoreline jurisdictional freshwater streams and rivers is two hundred feet.

2. Reduced Standard Buffer. Utilizing the 'mitigation options to achieve no net loss for new or redevelopment activities' table (Chapter 22.800, Appendix B) to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions, the standard buffer may be reduced down to ~~at the~~ reduced standard buffer as specified below. Mitigation options shall be reviewed and approved by the county for applicability to the project site commensurate with project impacts. The shoreline restoration plan (Appendix C ~~to the ordinance codified in this title~~) shall serve as an initial review source.

An applicant shall have the burden of proving they have complied with Sections 22.400.110(A), Mitigation Sequencing and 22.500.100(E), Variances and Administrative Variances. This may be documented within a shoreline mitigation plan. Buffer reductions shall provide adequate documentation demonstrating need. The department shall deny a buffer reduction request if the applicant either created or exacerbated the condition that forms the limitation on the use and development of the property. The reduced standard buffers for each environment designation are as follows:

- a. High intensity: fifty feet (~~no reduction without variance~~).
- b. Shoreline residential: fifty feet.
- c. Urban conservancy: eighty-five feet; fifty feet where a net gain in shoreline ecological functions can be achieved. Applications for reductions below eighty-five feet shall include information documenting: (i) mitigation necessary to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions for the reduced eighty-five-foot buffer; (ii) additional mitigation necessary to achieve no net loss for any reduction below eighty-five feet; and (iii) additional actions proposed to achieve a net gain in shoreline ecological functions. Proposed restoration activities shall not include projects previously identified for public funding, except that public-private partnerships may be utilized. A minimum five-year monitoring plan shall be required to demonstrate project success, in accordance with Section 22.400.110(C), Mitigation Compliance.
- d. Rural conservancy: one hundred feet.
- e. Natural: one hundred fifty feet.
- f. Shoreline jurisdictional freshwater streams and rivers: two hundred feet; buffers may be reduced pursuant to the standards in subsection (C) of this section.

3. Additional Standards for Applying the Reduced Standard Buffer within the Rural Conservancy and Natural Designations and Shorelines of Statewide Significance. Buffers may be reduced for single-family residences and water-oriented uses in the rural conservancy designation, natural designation, and shorelines on ~~of statewide significance for (Hood Canal)~~ only under the following circumstances:

- a. The lot is physically constrained by slopes, wetlands or other natural features such that the standard buffer cannot be met;
- b. The lot is legally constrained by its size or shape, such that it would not support a home and garage with a footprint of at least one thousand two hundred square feet if placed at or above the standard buffer; or

c. The existing condition is such that the lot was previously cleared below the standard buffer, and intact, mature native vegetation is located at or above the standard buffer which would otherwise be removed in order to comply with the standard buffer.

4. An additional fifteen-foot building setback shall be maintained beyond the outer boundary of the buffer. This building setback may be reduced; provided, that the resulting setback is protective of existing vegetation within the buffer.

C. Constrained Lot and Infill Provisions.

1. Alternatives for New Development. New single-family and water-dependent development may qualify for an alternative buffer if the following apply:

a. Infill Provision. For new construction on a vacant parcel adjoined by existing homes on both sides, the reduced standard buffer may be administratively reduced by up to ten percent in compliance with Section 22.400.135 (View blockage). This shall be a Type I administrative review process. The mitigation options to achieve no net loss for new or redevelopment activities table (Chapter 22.800, Appendix B) shall apply to such reductions.

b. Constrained Lot Provisions.

i. Legally platted lots with a depth that would not allow for compliance with the reduced standard buffer. Proposals to reduce the buffer below the reduced standard buffer shall require a shoreline mitigation plan (Section 22.700.140), starting with review of existing conditions as presented in the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report and supplemented with a appropriate field verification.

ii. If the development requires less than a twenty-five percent reduction of the reduced standard buffer, or any amount of buffer reduction within the shoreline residential designation, a Type II administrative variance shall be required. If the development is not within the shoreline residential designation and requires greater than a twenty-five percent reduction of the reduced standard buffer, a Type III variance shall be required.

c. Water-Dependent Development. Buffers may be modified and reduced to accommodate water-dependent uses when consistent with the Act and this master program, and when conducted so that no net loss of critical areas or shoreline ecological functions occurs.

2. Alternatives for Existing Development.

a. Expansion of Development outside of the Standard Buffer. Expansion of existing development outside the standard buffer shall be permitted, provided all other applicable provisions are met.

b. Expansion of Development within the Standard Buffer. Structures in existence on the effective date of this program that do not meet the setback or buffer requirements of this program may be remodeled or reconstructed; provided, that the new construction or related activity does not exceed the standard height limit, and does not further intrude into the standard buffer except where mitigation is applied pursuant to the mitigation options to achieve no net loss for new or redevelopment activities table (Chapter 22.800, Appendix B). Mitigation may be waived where the expansion occurs directly upland of the existing structure and where such expansion does not require removal of intact native vegetation or expansion of impervious surfaces.

c. Expansion of Development below the Reduced Standard Buffer. Expansion of existing development below the reduced standard buffer may only occur if approved through a shoreline variance pursuant to 22.550.100(E), occur according to the following criteria. To reduce the procedural burden on applicants, in some cases the variance may be approved administratively as a Type II decision according to the criteria below and the variance criteria in Section 22.500.100(E):

i. Expansion of development shall not occur further waterward of the existing structure, unless no other feasible option exists due to physical constraints of the property.

ii. Any expansion below the reduced standard buffer shall require a shoreline mitigation plan (see Section 22.700.140).

iii. Expansion within the outer twenty-five percent of the reduced standard buffer or within any portion of the buffer in the shoreline residential designation shall require a Type II administrative variance, according to except under the conditions of subsection (iv) below. Expansion within the waterward seventy-five percent of the reduced standard buffer shall require a Type III variance.

iv. Expansion of a single-family residence below the reduced standard buffer may be allowed through a Type II administrative variance for limited expansions of no more than 25% of the existing gross floor area or 625 square feet, whichever is less, if expanding into an existing legally cleared area and located no further waterward than the existing structure.

D. Other Uses and Modifications in Vegetation Conservation Buffers.

1. In order to accommodate water-oriented uses and modifications within the buffer, the following standards shall apply subject to shoreline permit review unless otherwise exempted:

a. Trails. Trails may be permitted but shall be limited to five feet in width, except where demonstrated necessary for a water-dependent use. Trails shall comply with requirements of Title 12 (Storm Water Drainage) if applicable. Disturbance to soil, hydrological character, trees, shrubs, snags and important wildlife habitat shall be minimized. Pervious surface materials, such as mulch, organics, raised boardwalks composed of untreated wood or an equivalent, are required. Gravel trails shall be considered impervious surfaces pursuant to Title 12. Pervious surfaces shall be utilized except where determined infeasible.

i. Trails in vegetation conservation critical area buffers ~~shall~~ should be located in the outer twenty-five percent of the buffer, except where necessary for direct access or viewing points.

ii. Trails that meet the definition of water-oriented use may be located within shoreline buffers when it can be demonstrated that buffer impacts are limited through mitigation sequencing in accordance with Section 22.400.110(A).

b. Decks and Viewing Platforms. Decks and viewing platforms may be permitted, but shall be limited to one hundred square feet in size, ~~unless demonstrated that a larger structure in order to provide opportunities for small viewing decks or platforms that will not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological function. Applicants shall through demonstrate no net loss submit as part of a shoreline mitigation plan, prepared by a qualified professional (Section 22.700.140).~~ Viewing platforms shall not have roofs, except where otherwise permitted through the view blockage standards (Section 22.400.135). Creosote and pentachlorophenol should not be utilized in construction materials for decks, viewing platforms or boardwalks.

c. Beach Stairs. Beach stairs ~~are~~ may be permitted, subject to the permitting requirements of exemption provisions in Section 22.500.100(C)(3). Beach stairs placed below waterward of the OHWM will normally require a shoreline exemption from Kitsap County, and a hydraulic project approval (HPA) from WDFW. ~~Beach stairs with stair towers shall require an SDP where exemption provisions are not met.~~

i. Stair landings in the vegetation conservation buffer or below waterward of the OHWM must be composed of grating or other materials that allows a minimum of 40-60 percent light to transmit through.

ii. Viewing platforms associated with beach stairs shall comply with Section 22.400.120.D.1.b.

iii. Stair landings in the vegetation conservation buffer or below waterward of the OHWM must comply with the provisions of WAC 220.660.380 in saltwater areas or WAC 220.660.140 in freshwater areas. KCC 22.00.160(C).

d. Trams. Trams may be permitted, subject to the permitting requirements of exemption provisions in Section 22.500.100(C)(3) and are considered accessory or appurtenances to the upland use. Trams are not considered appurtenances under this section. Trams utilizing towers require an SDP where exemption provisions are not met. They are prohibited in the Aquatic and Natural Shoreline Environment Designations. The following development standards apply:

i. Tram landings may not exceed 100-square feet each.

ii. The width of a clearing for a tram shall be a maximum of five feet on either side of the tram, with a maximum clearing corridor of fifteen feet.

iii. The installation of a tram shall be limited only to geologically hazardous areas as defined in KCC 19.400 and subject to 'Special Studies' as outlined in Section 22.700.120.

iv. Mitigation sequencing must be used to avoid, minimize, and compensate for any impacts; enhancement of shoreline buffer vegetation will be required. See KCC 22.700.140, Shoreline Mitigation Plan, for guidance on minimum submittal requirements.

ed. Boat Launches and Marine Railways. Boat launches and marine railways, when consistent with requirements in Section 22.600.160(C)(6), may be permitted with an exemption or SDP in the shoreline residential or high intensity environments, or as a CUP in the rural conservancy or urban conservancy environments, provided all applicable provisions are met to avoid net loss of shoreline functions.

fe. Water-Oriented Storage. Water-oriented storage, including boat houses or boat storage facilities, may be ~~allowed~~ permitted within the buffer provided:

i. The width shall be no greater than twenty-five feet or twenty-five percent of the lot width, whichever is less.

ii. The height shall not be greater than fourteen feet above grade, and shall also comply with the view blockage provisions of this program.

iii. The overall size shall not exceed two hundred square feet. Exceptions may be considered upon demonstration of need. In such cases, applicable mitigation options to achieve no net loss for new or redevelopment activities (Chapter 22.800, Appendix B), view blockage (Section 22.400.135), and buildings and construction (Title 14) provisions shall apply.

iv. Allowance of a boat house within a buffer shall not justify the need for shoreline armoring to protect the structure.

v. Boat houses shall be prohibited in the natural environment designation.

vi. Boat storage facilities within the high intensity buffer shall not be subject to subsections (D)(1)(e)(i) through (iii) of this section, when supporting a water-dependent use and where consistent with the policies for the high intensity shoreline environment designation.

f. In no case shall non-water-dependent uses and activities be allowed below the reduced standard buffer. This includes swimming pools and sport courts or fields.

2. Hand removal or spot-spraying of invasive or noxious weeds is permitted within vegetation conservation buffers.

3. Standards for View Thinning.



- a. View thinning activities shall be limited to twenty-five percent of the total buffer length in the high intensity and shoreline residential designations, and shall retain a minimum of thirty percent of the live crown.
- b. View thinning activities shall be limited to fifteen percent of the total buffer length in the urban conservancy and rural conservancy designations, and shall retain a minimum of thirty percent of the live crown.
- c. No tree removal is allowed in the natural designation for view enhancement; however, limited tree limbing may be allowed upon review and approval by the department.
- d. View thinning within the limited areas specified above shall generally be limited to tree limbing. Where tree removal is demonstrated to be necessary, replanting of native trees shall occur at a three-to-one ratio (planted to removed) within the buffer area.
- e. Topping of trees is prohibited, except where demonstrated necessary for safety.
- f. See the forest practices/timber harvest standards (Section 22.600.145) for danger tree removal requirements.
- g. An advance site visit may be required by the department of community development in order to confirm the proposed thinning is consistent with this section and critical area protection standards. Site visit request applications may be obtained online or in person at Kitsap County's permit center. The county may also utilize site photographs in lieu of a site visit where sufficient detail is available to make a determination on consistency with thinning standards.

**22.400.125 Water quality and quantity.**

New development shall provide stormwater management facilities designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the current stormwater management standards in Title 12. An SDAP shall also be required for impervious surface creation in areas of the shoreline mapped as critical drainage areas and those meeting minimum critical drainage area criteria, defined in Title 12, including but not limited to the following:

- A. For sites within the census-defined urban areas, or the UGAs, the creation or cumulative addition of five thousand square feet or greater of impervious surface area from predevelopment conditions is considered major development and requires stormwater mitigation through a site development activity permit (SDAP).
- B. For sites outside of the census-defined urban areas, or the UGAs, the creation or cumulative addition of impervious surfaces that results in five percent or more of the development site being covered in impervious surfaces or the creation or cumulative addition of ten thousand square feet of impervious surfaces from the predevelopment conditions, whichever is greater, is a major development, and requires stormwater mitigation through an SDAP.
- C. An SDAP shall also be required for impervious surface creation in critical drainage areas, as defined in Title 12.

**22.400.130 Historic, archaeological, cultural, scientific and educational resources.**

- A. Applicability and Other Regulations.
  1. This section applies to archaeological and historic resources either recorded by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, local jurisdictions or applicable tribal databases or predictive models.
  2. HASCE sites shall comply with Kitsap County Contract KC 442-07 (Agreement with Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation), Chapter 25-48 WAC (Archaeological Excavation and Removal Permit), Chapter 27.44 RCW (Indian Graves and Records), and Chapter 27.53 RCW (Archaeological Sites and Resources).
- B. Known or Potential HASCE Sites.

1. Tribal historic preservation officers (THPOs) for tribes with jurisdiction will be provided the opportunity to review and comment on all development proposals in the Kitsap County shoreline jurisdiction, both terrestrial and aquatic, in order to ensure all known or potential archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties and traditional cultural landscapes are acknowledged, properly surveyed and adequately protected.
2. If archaeological resources are known in advance, developers and property owners must notify Kitsap County, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and applicable tribes.
3. Sites with known or potential archaeological resources, as determined pursuant to the resources listed at the beginning of this section, shall require a site inspection by a professional archaeologist in coordination with the affected tribe(s). The THPO shall be provided the opportunity to evaluate and comment on cultural resources evaluations conducted by the professional archaeologist.
4. Work on sites with identified archaeological resources shall not start until authorized by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation through an archaeological excavation and removal permit, which may condition development permits pursuant to KC 442-07.

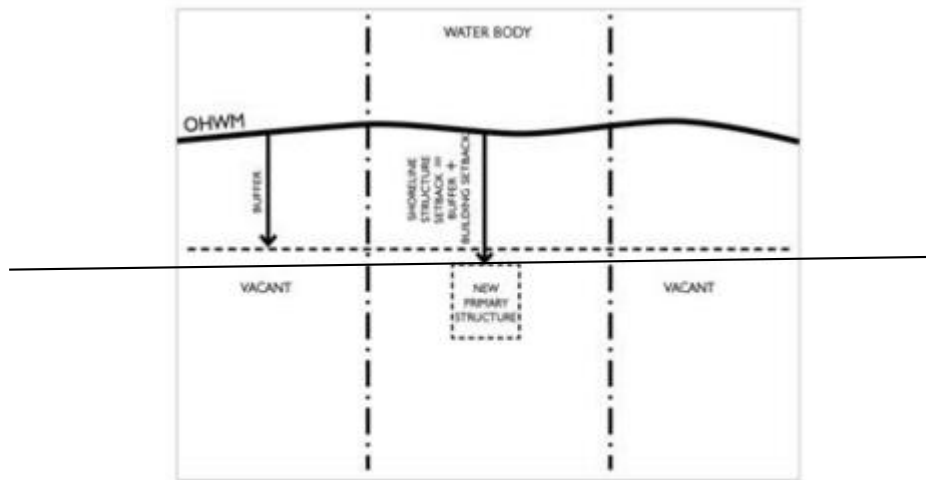
C. Discovered HASCE Sites.

1. If archaeological resources are uncovered during excavation, developers and property owners must immediately stop work and notify Kitsap County, the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and affected Indian tribes.
2. Uncovered sites shall require a site inspection by a professional archaeologist in coordination with the affected tribe(s). Tribal historic preservation officers shall be provided the opportunity to evaluate and comment on cultural resources evaluations conducted by the professional archaeologist.
3. Work shall not recommence until authorized by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation through an archaeological excavation and removal permit, which may condition development permits pursuant to KC 442-07.

**22.400.135 Viewblockage.**

A. In order to protect water views, all principal buildings, and all additions to a principal building, shall be ~~so~~ located ~~as~~ to maintain the minimum shoreline structure setback line. All such buildings must also be designed not to significantly impact views from principal buildings on a adjoining and neighboring property or properties including reconstruction of existing principal buildings allowed per Section 22.400.100(B). The shoreline structure setback line for the purpose of this subsection is based on the location of the principal building(s) at the time of a permit for a new principal building, and shall be determined as follows:

1. No Adjacent Principal Buildings. Where there are no adjacent principal buildings, the shoreline structure setback line shall be the ~~standard~~ vegetation conservation buffer and setback specified in Section 22.400.120 ~~elsewhere in this program~~. See Figure 22.400.135(A)(1).



**Figure 22.400.135(A)(1)**  
**Buffer and shoreline structure setback with**  
**no adjacent primary structure.**

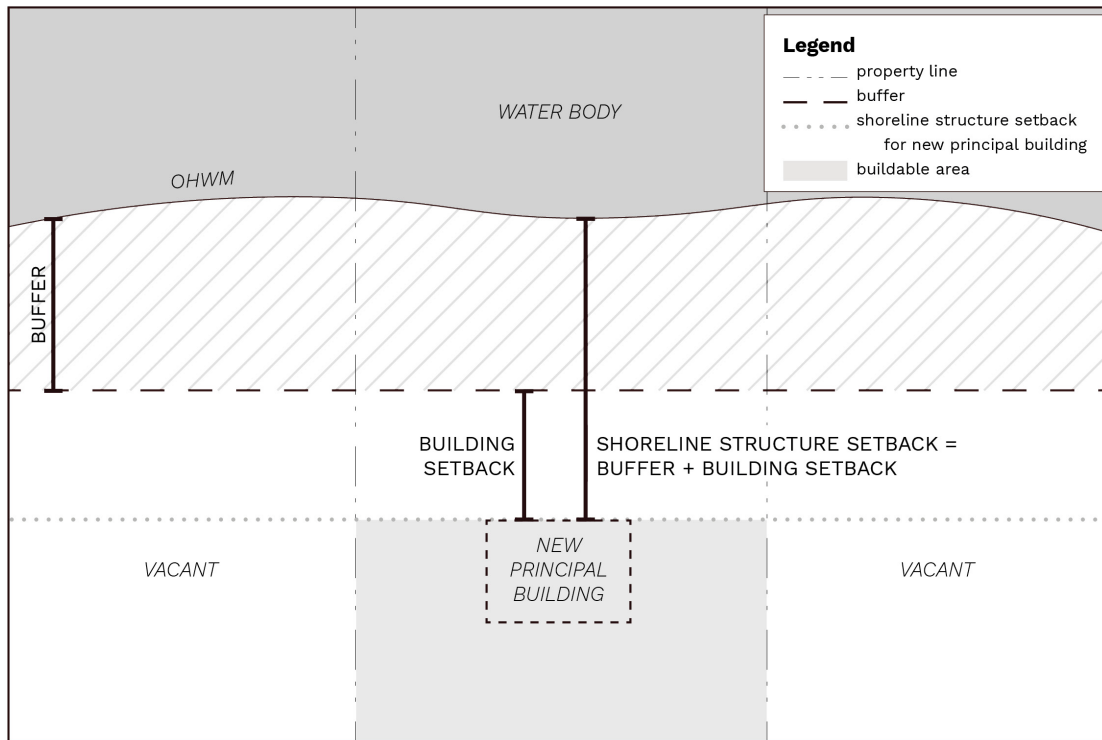
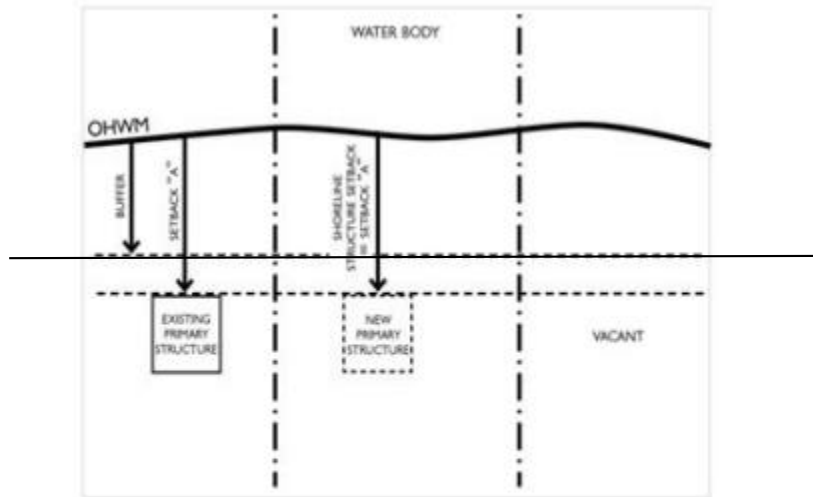


Figure 22.400.135(A)(1)  
 Buffer and shoreline structure setback with no adjacent structure.

2. **Adjacent Principal Building on One Side.** Where there is an adjacent principal building on one side, the shoreline structure setback line shall be a distance no less than that of the adjacent principal building to the shoreline or the buffer and setback specified elsewhere in this program, whichever is greater. See Figures 22.400.135(A)(2)(a) and 22.400.135(A)(2)(b).



**Figure 22.400.135(A)(2)(a)**  
**Buffer and shoreline structure setback with adjacent primary structure landward of buffer on one side.**

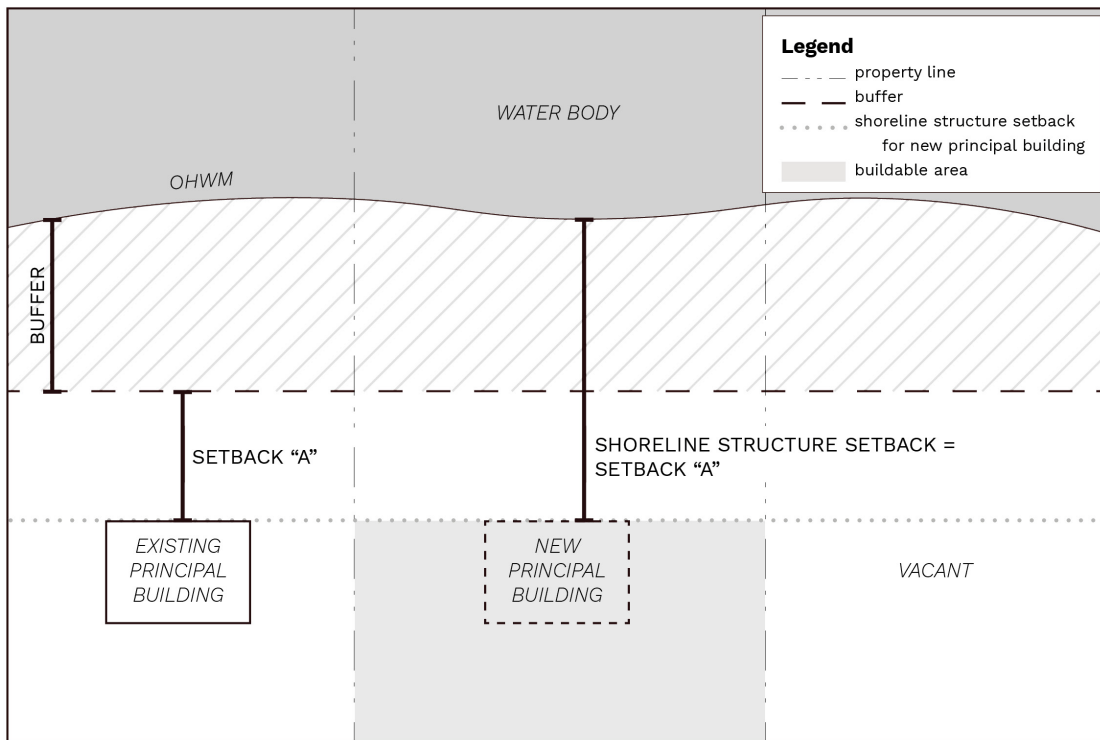
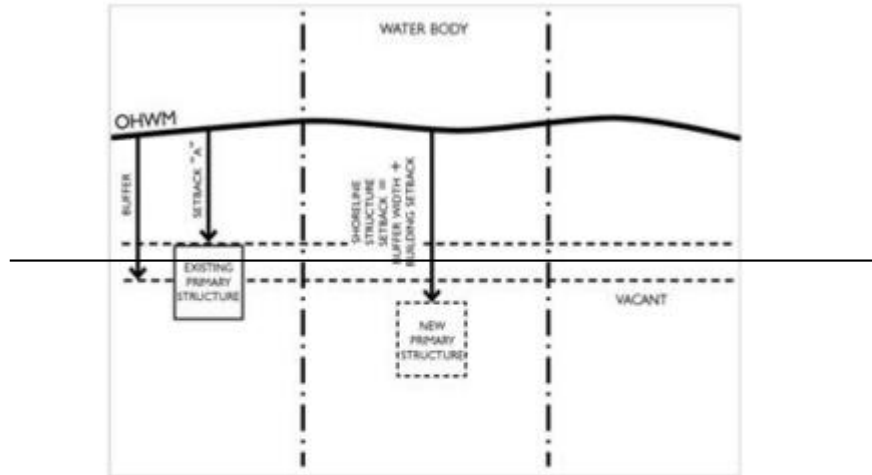


Figure 22.400.135(A)(2)(a)  
Buffer and shoreline structure setback with adjacent structure landward of buffer on one side.



**Figure 22.400.135(A)(2)(b)**  
**Buffer and shoreline structure setback with adjacent primary structure within buffer on one side.**

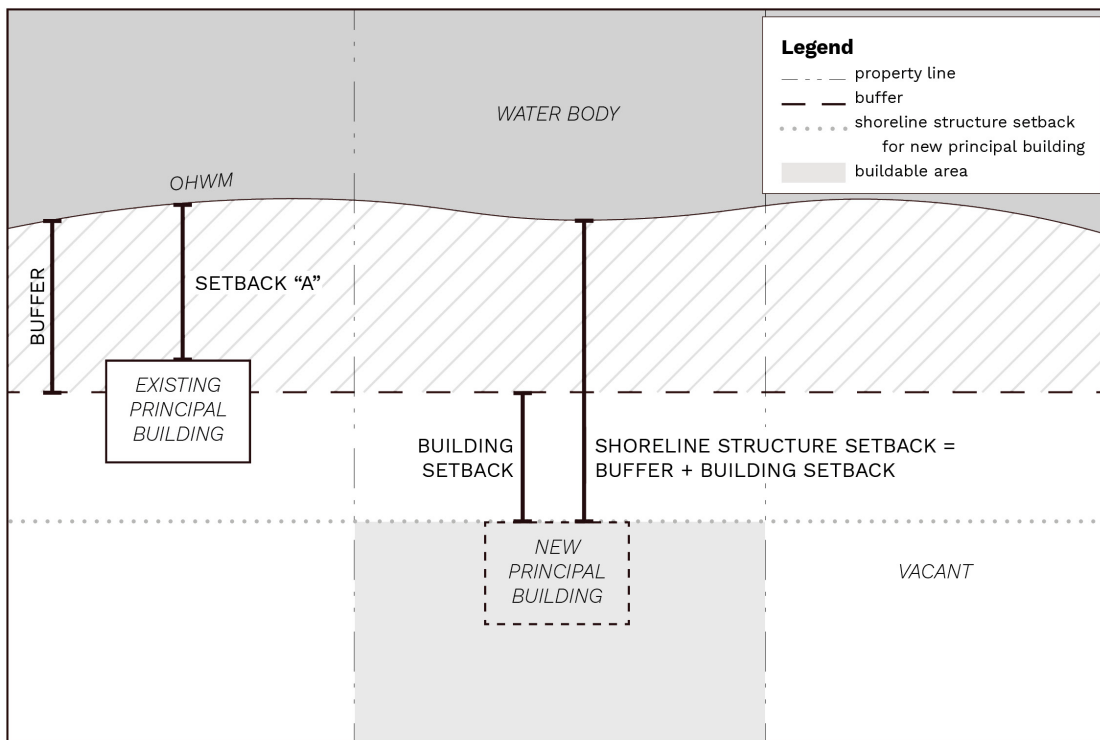


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 Buffer and shoreline structure setback with adjacent primary structure within buffer on one side.

3. ~~Adjacent Principal Buildings on Both Sides on a Regular Linear Shoreline.~~ Where there are adjacent principal buildings on both sides of the proposed structure on a ~~regular linear shoreline (not along a peninsula or cove),~~ the shoreline structure setback line shall be determined by a ~~stringline setback, line drawn between the building line of the adjacent principal buildings or the buffer and setback specified elsewhere in this program, whichever is greater.~~ A stringline setback means a straight line drawn between the points on the primary structures having the greatest projection waterward. If one of the adjacent properties is developed landward of the vegetation conservation buffer and setback, the line shall not be drawn to that adjacent structure but be drawn to the point where the standard buffer meets the side property line of the lot to be improved. See Figure 22.400.135(A)(3).

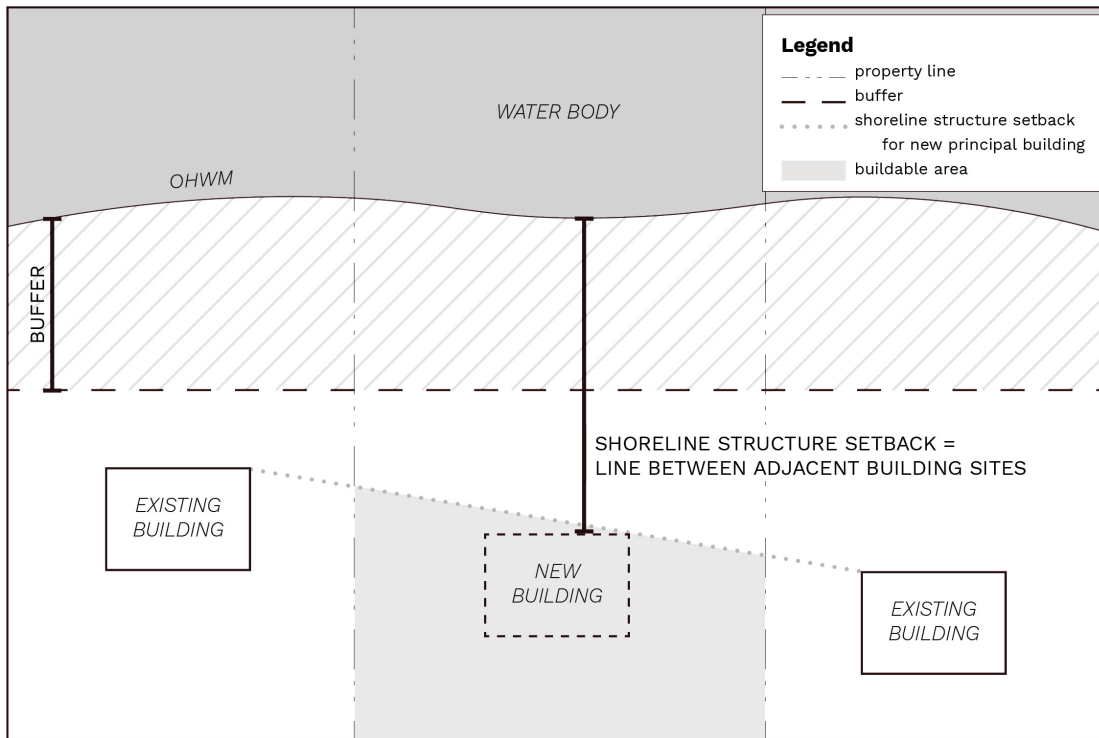
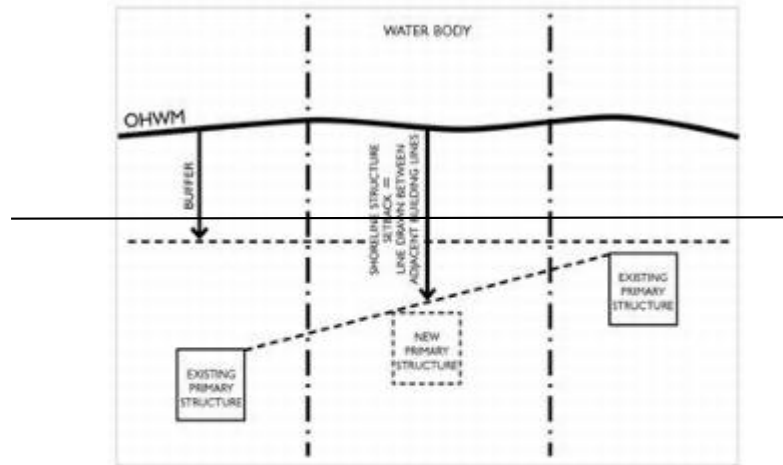
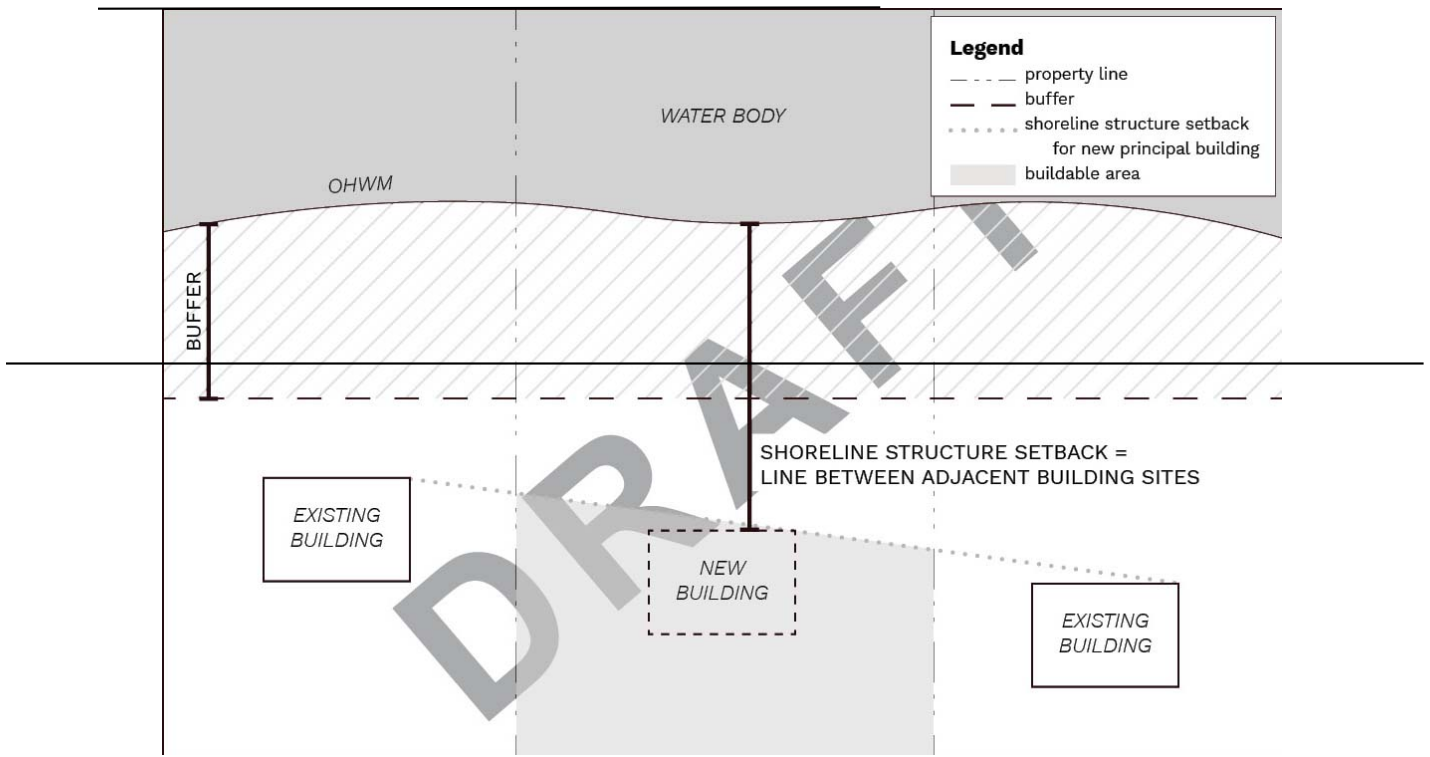


Figure 22.400.135(A)(3)

*Buffer and shoreline structure setback on a regular shoreline with adjacent primary structures on both sides.*



**Figure 22.400.135(A)(3)**  
**Buffer and shoreline structure setback on a**  
**regular shoreline with adjacent primary**  
**structures on both sides.**



4. ~~Adjacent Principal Buildings on Both Sides on an Irregular Shoreline.~~ Where there are two adjacent principal structures on a shoreline which forms a cove, or peninsula, or irregular shoreline, the shoreline structure setback line shall be determined by averaging the existing setback lines of the two adjacent principal buildings or the buffer and setback specified elsewhere in this program, whichever is greater. See Figure 22.400.135(A)(4).

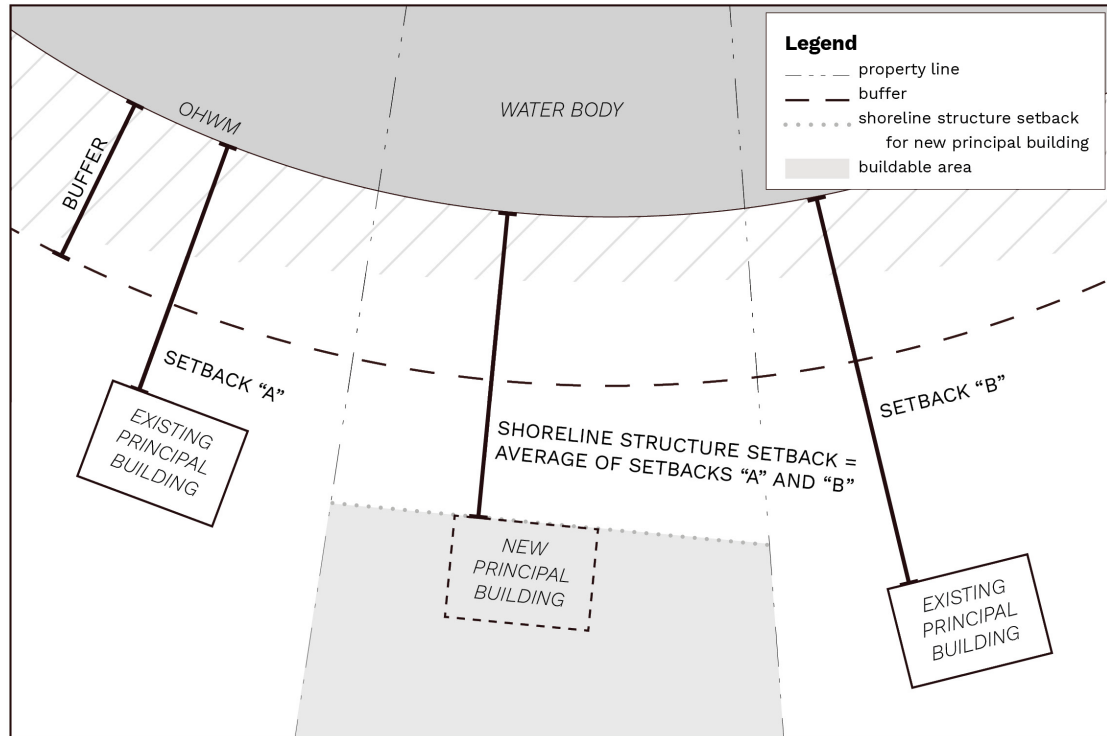
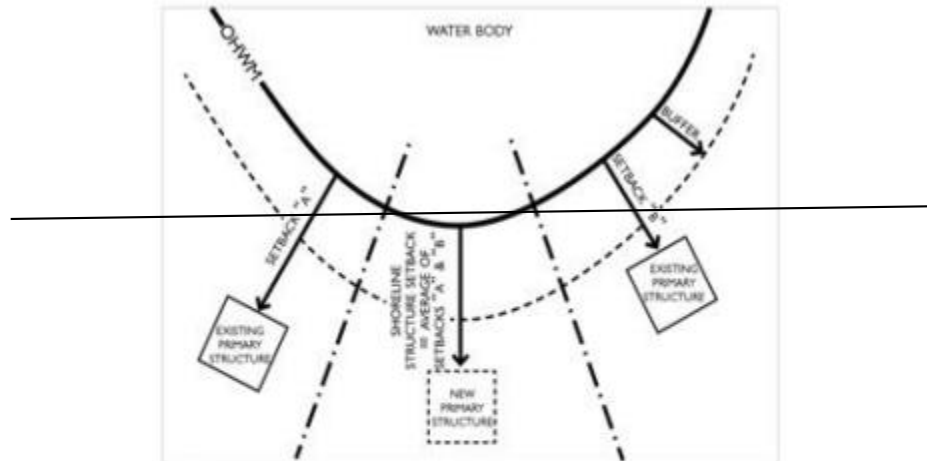


Figure 22.400.135(A)(4)

Buffer and shoreline structure setback on an irregular shoreline with adjacent primary structures on both sides.

5. Consideration of Existing Mitigating Circumstances. The shoreline structure setback line may not be ~~administratively waived~~ applied to limit distance from the shoreline where an elevation survey prepared by a qualified professional demonstrates that ~~existing~~ due to a difference in topography or a ~~vegetation survey~~ demonstrates that due to the presence of already significantly blocks views ~~view blocking vegetation~~ on or adjacent to the common border of the two parcels, and the proposed principal building will not result in any additional view blockage to an existing adjacent principal building(s). In such cases, the buffer and setback specified elsewhere in this program shall apply.





**Figure 22.400.135(A)(4)**  
**Buffer and shoreline structure setback on an irregular shoreline with adjacent primary structures on both sides.**

6. Setback line for Additions, Remodels or Rebuilds. Where there will be additions or rebuilt structures on a subject parcel with existing primary structures on an adjacent parcel(s), the shoreline structure setback line(s) shall be based on the straight line drawn between the points on the primary structures having the greatest projection waterward of the existing/previously existing primary structure(s) on the subject parcel and to that of the adjacent primary structure(s) or the buffer and setback specified elsewhere in this program, whichever is greater. If there are primary structures on each adjacent parcel, there will be two intersecting shoreline structure setback lines representing the existing view lines that must be maintained for the addition/rebuild.

B. Accessory Structures. Accessory structures, for the purpose of this Section, include but are not limited to accessory dwelling units, boat houses, sheds, decks, and fences, as defined for the purposes of view blockage may be sited within the shoreline structure setback area; provided, that they do not substantially obstruct the view of adjacent principal buildings and comply with applicable buffer provisions.

1. Siting Accessory Structures. Accessory structures may be sited within the shoreline structure setback area; provided, that they do not substantially obstruct the view of adjacent principal buildings and they comply with applicable buffer provisions. Fences 6-feet or less, unenclosed decks 18-inches or less from average grade, and structures less than ten feet in height from grade level and under 200 square feet, do not constitute view blockage but are still subject to the other provisions of this Title including vegetation conservation buffers. Water orientated-storage structures that meet the requirements in Section 22.400.120(D)(1)(e) do not constitute a view blockage.

2. Use of Accessory Structures in determining view line. Accessory structures shall not be used to determine a view line for a new or replacement primary structure on the same or adjacent parcels.

For additions and remodels, the shoreline structure setback line(s) shall be based on the line drawn between the waterward-most building edge of the existing/previously existing primary structure(s) on the subject parcel and to that of the adjacent primary structure(s) or the buffer and setback specified elsewhere in this program, whichever is greater.

C. Appeal Procedure. Determinations of shoreline structure setback lines are classified as Type I decisions under Chapter 21.04 and may be subject to an appeal as provided therein.

D. Conditional Waiver Procedure.

1. An applicant aggrieved by the strict application of this ~~chapter section~~ may seek a conditional waiver from the director. Such a waiver shall be a Type II administrative decision and require an application to the department. A conditional waiver may be granted after the applicant demonstrates the following:

a. The hardship which results from the application of the requirements of this section serves as the basis for granting the conditional waiver is specifically related to the property of the applicant and does not apply generally to other property in the vicinity;

~~b. The hardship which serves as the basis for granting the conditional waiver is specifically related to the property of the applicant and does not apply generally to other property in the vicinity;~~

~~b~~e. The hardship which results from the application of the requirements of this ~~chapter section~~ is not a result of the applicant's own actions;

~~c~~d. The conditional waiver, if granted, will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Act and this program in preserving the views of the adjacent shoreline residences; and

~~f~~e. The conditional waiver, if granted, will not cause more harm to adjacent neighbors than would occur to the applicant in applying the county's view blockage requirements in Section 22.400.135. In balancing the interest of the applicant with adjacent neighbors, if more harm will be done by granting the conditional waiver than would be done by denying it, the conditional waiver shall be denied.

~~2. The applicant seeking a conditional waiver of the strict application of this chapter may file an application with the department accompanied by an application fee per the Kitsap County development permit fee schedule (Section 21.10.010).~~

**22.400.140 Bulk and dimension standards.**

A. The standards in Table 22.400.140(A) shall apply to all shoreline use and development activities except where specifically modified in this master program. Where there is a conflict with other county codes, the more restrictive standards shall apply.

Table 22.400.140(A) Development Standards

Standard	High Intensity	Shoreline Residential	Urban Conservancy	Rural Conservancy	Natural	Aquatic
<del>Lot Width (feet)</del>	40-60 <sup>1</sup>	40-80 <sup>2</sup>	60	140	140	<del>Not Applicable</del>
<u>Minimum Lot Width (feet)</u>	See Title 17					<u>Not Applicable</u>
Shoreline Buffer	See Section 22.400.120(B)					
<u>Side Setbacks (feet)</u> <sup>3</sup>	See KCC Chapter 17.420					
<u>Maximum Impervious Area (percentage of lot area)</u>	See KCC Chapter 17.420	See Section 22.400.125	See KCC Chapter 17.420	See Section 22.400.125	See Section 22.400.125	<u>Not Applicable</u>
Maximum Building Height (feet)	35	35	35	35	35	35

Notes:

1. Forty-foot lot width for single-family residential uses. Sixty-foot lot width for multifamily and nonresidential uses.

2. Forty-foot lot width for lots in limited areas of intensive rural development or urban growth areas. Eighty-foot lot width for all other shoreline residential lots.

3. Docks and mooring facilities in the aquatic designation shall be consistent with underlying zoning, except no side yard will apply when a shared facility is located on or near a property boundary.

~~2. Where parcel occurs in a rural zone and is greater than one acre in size, a minimum twenty foot side yard setback shall apply in accordance with Chapter 17.420.~~

~~4. Where parcel size is less than one acre, a five foot minimum side setback shall apply in accordance with Chapter 17.420.~~

~~5. Low range number applies to lots greater than one half acre in area and high range number applies to lots less than one half acre in area. Where there is a conflict with other county codes, the more restrictive stormwater standards shall apply.~~  
~~6. Impervious surface thresholds for shoreline residential, rural conservancy, and natural: see Section 22.400.125.~~

B. The maximum allowable height of structures in shoreline jurisdiction is thirty-five feet. Building heights above thirty-five feet, but consistent with underlying zoning allowances, require a authorization via a shoreline variance pursuant to Section 22.500.100(E).

C. All new subdivided shoreline lots shall be, at a minimum, a one-to-two width-to-depth ratio. Exceptions may be granted in cases where such ratio would negatively impact critical areas or their buffers.

#### **22.400.145 Public access.**

A. All recreational and public access facilities shall be designed, located and operated in a manner consistent with the purpose of the environment designation in which they are located.

B. Except as provided in subsections (E) and (F) of this section, substantial developments or conditional uses shall provide public access where any of the following conditions are present:

1. A development or use will create increased demand for public access to the shoreline.
2. A development or use will interfere with an existing public access way.
3. New non-water-oriented uses are proposed.
4. A use or activity will interfere with public use of lands or waters subject to the public trust doctrine.

C. Shoreline development by public entities, port districts, state agencies, and public utility districts shall include public access measures as part of each shoreline development project, unless such access is shown to be incompatible due to reasons of safety, security, or impact to the shoreline environment.

D. Ensure that publicly financed or subsidized shoreline erosion control measures do not restrict a appropriate public access to the shoreline except where such access is determined to be infeasible because of incompatible uses, safety, security, or harm to ecological functions. See public access provisions of WAC 173-26-221(4). Where feasible, incorporate ecological restoration and public access improvements into the project.

E. Off-site public access may be allowed where it results in an equal or greater public benefit than on-site public access, or when on-site limitations relating to security, environment, use conflict, intervening improvements, or feasibility are present. Sites on the same water body, or secondarily within the same watershed, are preferred. Where feasible, off-site public access should include both visual and physical elements. Off-site public access may include, but is not limited to, enhancing an adjacent public property (e.g., existing public or recreation access site, road, street, or alley abutting a body of water, or similar) in accordance with county standards; providing, improving or enhancing public access on another property under the control of the applicant/proponent; or a other equivalent measure.

F. Public access shall not be required for single-family residential development of four or fewer lots.

G. Public access shall not be required if an applicant/proponent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the county that one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Unavoidable health or safety hazards to the public exist and cannot be prevented by any practical means;
2. Constitutional or other legal limitations apply;
3. Inherent security requirements of the use cannot be satisfied through the application of alternative design features or other solutions;

4. The cost of providing the access, easement or alternative amenity is unreasonably disproportionate to the total long-term cost of the proposed development;
  5. Adverse environmental impacts to shoreline ecological processes and functions that cannot be mitigated will result from the public access;
  6. Significant undue and unavoidable conflict between any access provisions and the proposed use and/or adjacent uses would occur and cannot be mitigated; or
  7. Adequate public access already exists along the subject shoreline, and there are no gaps or enhancements required to be addressed by the individual shoreline development.
- H. When provisions for public access are required as a condition of project approval, the director shall prepare written findings demonstrating consistency with constitutional and legal practices regarding private property and the principles of nexus and proportionality.
- I. Required public access sites shall be fully developed and available for public use at the time of occupancy of the shoreline development.
- J. Public access provisions shall run with the land and be recorded via a legal instrument such as an easement, or as a dedication on the face of a plat or short plat. Such legal instruments shall be recorded with the county auditor's office prior to the time of building permit approval, occupancy or plat approval, whichever comes first (RCW 58.17.110). Future actions by the applicant's successors in interest or other parties shall not diminish the usefulness or value of required public access areas and associated improvements.
- K. Maintenance of the public access facility over the life of the use or development shall be the responsibility of the owner unless otherwise accepted by a public or nonprofit agency through a formal agreement recorded with the county auditor's office.
- L. The removal of on-site native vegetation shall be limited to the minimum necessary for the recreational or public access development area, such as picnic areas, campsites, selected views, or other permitted structures or facilities.
- M. Preference shall be given to activities that are consistent with approved state and local park plans for water-oriented recreational development, including but not limited to the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, Mosquito Fleet Trail Master Plan, Washington State Parks CAMP plans, Kitsap County Non-Motorized Plan, and other agency plans.
- N. Vehicular traffic is prohibited on beaches, bars, spits and streambeds, except for permitted construction and boat launching, or in areas where it can be demonstrated that a historical use has been established.
- O. Public road-ends, tax-title lands and rights-of-way adjacent to shorelines of the state shall be preserved, maintained and enhanced consistent with RCW 36.87.130. The Kitsap County "Category 5 right-of-way use permit" process in Section 11.36.060(5) shall be utilized to open shoreline road-ends, ~~as now or hereafter amended~~. Such process shall include notification of abutting property owners, and may include a neighborhood meeting or community council outreach effort in order to solicit and resolve community concerns with regard to specific proposals. The public interest in shoreline access shall be given appropriate consideration during the review process, consistent with the Act. Decisions to approve or deny opening of road-ends may be appealed in accordance with Title 21.
- P. Trail access shall be provided to link upland facilities to the beach area where feasible and where impacts to ecological functions can be mitigated.
- Q. When applicable, recreational and public access development shall make adequate provisions for the following. These requirements may be waived for opening of public road-ends, tax title lands, and rights-of-way as described in subsection (O) of this section, except where determined necessary through the public review process:

1. Vehicular parking and pedestrian access;
2. Proper wastewater and solid waste disposal methods;
3. Security and fire protection;
4. The prevention of overflow and trespass onto adjacent properties, including, but not limited to, landscaping, fencing, and posting of property;
5. Screening of such development from a djacent private property to prevent noise and light impacts; and
6. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including being barrier-free and accessible for physically disabled uses where feasible.

R. Shoreline trails and pathways shall be located, designed, and constructed to avoid and minimize bank instability.

S. Project-specific public access standards are contained in the following shoreline use and modification development standards sections (Chapter 22.600):

1. Barrier structures and other in-stream structures (Section 22.600.120).
2. Boating facilities (Section 22.600.125).
3. Commercial development (Section 22.600.130).
4. Fill (Section 22.600.140).
5. Industrial development (Section 22.600.150).
6. Residential development (Section 22.600.170).
7. Shoreline stabilization (Section 22.600.175).

**22.400.150 Flood hazard reduction measures.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. CUP is required for installation of flood hazard reduction measures in all environment designations.

B. Development Standards.

1. Development in floodplains shall not significantly or cumulatively increase flood hazard.
2. New structural flood hazard reduction measures in shoreline jurisdiction are allowed only when a scientific and engineering analysis documents all of the following:
  - a. They are necessary to protect existing development;
  - b. Nonstructural measures are not feasible;
  - c. Impacts on ecological functions and priority species and habitats can be successfully mitigated so as to assure no net loss; and
  - d. Appropriate vegetation conservation actions are followed.
3. The following uses and activities may be appropriate and/or necessary within the channel migration zone (see Appendix D to the ordinance codified in this title, Channel Migration Zone Maps) or floodway; provided, that they provide appropriate protection of ecological functions and do not exacerbate flood risk on site or in nearby areas:

- a. Actions that protect or restore the ecosystem-wide processes or ecological functions.
- b. Forest practices in compliance with the Washington State Forest Practices Act and its implementing rules.
- c. Existing and ongoing agricultural practices; provided, that no new restrictions to channel movement occur.
- d. Mining when conducted in a manner consistent with WAC 173-26-241(3)(h) and this program.
- e. Bridges, utility lines, and other public utility and transportation structures where no other feasible alternative exists or the alternative would result in unreasonable and disproportionate cost. Where such structures are allowed, mitigation shall address impacted functions and processes in the affected section of watershed or drift cell.
- f. Repair and maintenance of an existing legal use.
- g. Modifications or additions to an existing legal use; provided, that channel migration is not further limited.
- h. Development in designated UGAs where existing structures prevent active channel movement and flooding.
- i. Measures to reduce shoreline erosion; provided, that it is demonstrated that the erosion rate exceeds that which would normally occur in a natural condition, that the measure does not interfere with fluvial hydrological and geomorphological processes normally acting in natural conditions, and that the measure includes a appropriate mitigation of impacts to ecological functions associated with the river or stream.
- j. Development with the primary purpose of protecting or restoring ecological functions and ecosystem-wide processes.

Applicants for shoreline development or modification may submit a site-specific channel migration zone study if they do not agree with the mapping in Appendix D to the ordinance codified in this title.

4. Structural flood hazard reduction measures shall be consistent with the county's adopted multi-hazard mitigation plan that evaluates cumulative impacts to the watershed system.
5. New structural flood hazard reduction measures shall be situated landward of associated wetlands and designated vegetation conservation areas, unless actions are intended to increase ecological functions or if it is determined through a geotechnical analysis that no other alternative to reduce flood hazard to existing development is feasible.
6. New structural flood hazard reduction measures on public lands or funded by the public shall provide or improve public access pathways unless such improvements would cause unavoidable health or safety hazards, significant ecological impacts, unavoidable conflict with the proposed use, or a cost that is disproportionate and unreasonable to the total long-term cost of the development.
7. The removal of gravel for flood management purposes may be permitted only if a biological and geomorphological study shows that extraction:
  - a. Has a long-term benefit to flood hazard reduction;
  - b. Results in no net loss of ecological functions; and
  - c. Is part of a comprehensive flood management solution.

**22.400.155 Restoration and enhancement.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Restoration and enhancement uses and developments are permitted as an SDP, or may be exempt from an SDP if criteria in Section 22.500.100(C) are met, for all environment designations, provided the project's primary purpose is the restoration of the natural character and ecological functions of the shoreline, as determined by the department.

B. Development Standards.

1. Restoration and enhancement shall be carried out in accordance with an approved shoreline restoration plan that uses the best available scientific and technical information, and implemented using best management practices (BMPs).
2. All shoreline restoration and enhancement projects shall protect the integrity of adjacent natural resources, including aquatic habitats and water quality, and shall not result in significant adverse changes to sediment transport, ecological processes, properties, or habitat.
3. Long-term maintenance and monitoring shall be arranged by the project applicant and included in restoration or enhancement proposals. Monitoring shall occur for a minimum of five years, except the term may be reduced if at least two consecutive monitoring reports demonstrate project success.
4. Shoreline restoration and enhancement shall not significantly interfere with the normal public use of the navigable waters of the state or tribal resources without appropriate mitigation. For projects on state-owned aquatic lands, prior to the solicitation of permits from regulatory agencies, project proponents must coordinate with the Washington Department of Natural Resources to ensure the project will be appropriately located. Affected tribes shall also be notified.
5. Applicants in the county's UGAs seeking to perform restoration projects that may shift the OHWM landward of the preproject location are advised to work with the county to assess whether and how the non-restoration-related elements of the project may be allowed relief under RCW 90.58.580.

## Chapter 22.500

### PERMIT PROVISIONS, REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT

Sections:

- 22.500.050 Statement of applicability and purpose.
- 22.500.100 Permit application review and permit types.
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#### **22.500.050 Statement of applicability and purpose.**

RCW 90.58.140(3) requires local governments to establish a program, consistent with the rules adopted by Ecology, for the administration and enforcement of shoreline development. Also, in accordance with RCW 90.58.050, which provides that this program is intended to establish a cooperative program between Kitsap County and the state, Kitsap County shall have the primary responsibility for administering the regulatory program, and Ecology shall act primarily in a supportive and review capacity.

The applicable provisions of Title 21 shall govern the processing of permits required under this title. If any conflict should exist between Title 21 and this program, the provisions of this program will be followed.

#### **22.500.100 Permit application review and permit types.**

A. Permit Application Review.

1. No authorization to undertake use or development on shorelines of the state shall be granted by Kitsap County unless upon review the use or development is determined to be consistent with the policy and provisions of the Act and this program.
2. No permit shall be issued for any structure of more than thirty-five feet above average grade level on shorelines of the state that will obstruct the view of a substantial number of residences on areas adjoining such shorelines, except where allowed through a variance, and then only when overriding considerations of the public interest will be served.
3. Consolidated permit review shall occur pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 21.04.
4. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) compliance shall be required for non-SEPA exempt projects, pursuant to the procedures in Title 18.
5. Permit review times and procedures for projects on a state highway shall be processed in accordance with RCW 47.01.485 and RCW 90.58.140.

B. Substantial Development Permit.

1. The Act provides that no substantial development shall be undertaken on the shorelines of the state without first obtaining a substantial development permit (SDP).
2. An SDP shall be classified as a ~~Type III permit~~ under Chapter 21.04.
3. An SDP shall be granted only when the applicant can demonstrate that the proposed development is consistent with the policies and procedures of the Act and this program, as well as criteria in WAC 173-27-150.
4. The Act provides a limited number of exceptions to the definition of substantial development. Those exceptions are contained in RCW 90.58.030 and are summarized below in subsection (C)(3) in the section below, and do not require an SDP. Whether or not a development constitutes a substantial development, all development must comply with the requirements contained in the Act and this program and may require other



permits or approvals under this master program. Permits may be issued with limitations or conditions to assure consistency with the Act and this program.

5. All applications for shoreline substantial development permits or permit revisions shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology upon a final decision by local government pursuant to WAC 173-27-130. "Final decision by local government" shall mean the order of ruling, whether it be an approval or denial, that is established after all local administrative appeals related to the permit have concluded or the opportunity to initiate such appeals has lapsed.

C. Exemptions from Substantial Development Permits.

1. Certain activities, developments or uses are exempt from the substantial development permit requirements of the Act and this program. These developments are those set forth in WAC 173-27-040 (or as amended), and do not meet the definition of substantial development under RCW 90.58.030(3)(e). A summary of exempt developments is listed in subsection (C)(3) of this section, the application of which shall be guided by WAC 173-27-040 (or as amended).

2. Application and Interpretation of Exemptions.

a. Exemptions shall be construed narrowly. Only those developments that meet the precise terms of one or more of the listed exemptions may be granted exemption from the substantial development permit process.

b. An exemption from the SDP process is not an exemption from compliance with the Act or this master program, or from any other regulatory requirements. To be authorized, all uses and developments must be consistent with the policies and provisions of this master program and the Act and obtain a statement of exemption approved by the director on receipt of a qualifying shoreline exemption application and minimum submittal requirements established by the department. A development or use that is listed as a conditional use pursuant to this master program or is an unlisted use must obtain a CUP even though the development or use does not require an SDP. When a development or use is proposed that does not comply with the bulk, dimensional and performance standards found in Chapters 22.400 and 22.600, such development or use can only be authorized by approval of a shoreline variance (see subsection (E) of this section).

c. An exemption from the SDP process is not an exemption from a CUP or an administrative CUP where applicable.

d. The burden of proof that a development or use is exempt from the permit process is on the applicant.

e. If any part of a proposed development is not eligible for exemption, then an SDP is required for the entire proposed development project.

f. The county may attach conditions to the approval of exempted developments and/or uses as necessary to assure consistency of the project with the Act and this master program.

3. The following list of developments, summarized from WAC 173-27-040, shall not require SDPs:

a. Any development of which the total cost or fair market value, whichever is higher, does not exceed ~~\$5,000.00~~ 7,047.00, if such development does not materially interfere with the normal public use of the water or shorelines of the state. The dollar threshold established in this subsection is adjusted for inflation by the Washington State Office of Financial Management every five years. 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;
- c. Construction of the 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 OHWM for the sole purpose of protecting an existing single-family residence and appurtenant structures from loss or damage by erosion;
- d. Emergency construction necessary to protect property from damage by the elements;
- e. Construction and practices normal or necessary for farming, irrigation, and ranching activities;
- f. Construction or modification of navigational aids such as channel markers and anchor buoys;
- g. Construction on shorelands 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-five feet above average grade level and which meets all requirements of Kitsap County or a state agency having jurisdiction thereof, other than requirements imposed pursuant to Chapter 90.58 RCW. “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. On a statewide basis, normal appurtenances include a garage; deck; driveway; utilities; fences; installation of a septic tank and drainfield 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;
- h. 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. This exception applies if either:
  - i. In salt waters, the fair market value of the dock does not exceed \$2,500.00; ~~or~~
  - ii. In fresh waters, the fair market value of the dock does not exceed \$22,500 for docks that are constructed to replace existing docks, are of equal or lesser square footage than the existing dock being replaced;
  - iii. In fresh waters, the fair market value does not exceed \$11,200 dollars for all other docks constructed; or
  - iv. In relation to subsections (ii) and (iii) above, if subsequent construction occurs within five years of completion of the prior construction and the combined fair market value of the subsequent and prior construction exceeds the amount specified above, the subsequent construction shall be considered a substantial development.
  - ~~ii. In fresh waters, the fair market value of the dock does not exceed \$10,000.00, but if subsequent construction having a fair market value exceeding \$2,500.00 occurs within five years of completion of the prior construction, the subsequent construction shall be considered a substantial development for the purpose of this program;~~
- i. Operation, maintenance, or construction of canals, waterways, drains, reservoirs, or other facilities that now exist or are hereafter created or developed as a part of an irrigation system;
- j. The marking of property lines or corners on state-owned lands, when such marking does not significantly interfere with normal public use of the surface of the water;

- k. Operation and maintenance of any system of dikes, ditches, drains, or other facilities existing on September 8, 1975, which were created, developed or utilized primarily as a part of an agricultural drainage or diking system;
- l. Any project with a certification from the governor pursuant to Chapter 80.50 RCW;
- m. Site exploration and investigation activities that are prerequisite to preparation of an application for development authorization under the Act and this program;
- n. 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 Washington Department of Agriculture or Ecology jointly with other state agencies under Chapter 43.21 CRCW;
- o. Watershed restoration projects as defined at WAC 193-27-040(2)(o). Kitsap County shall review watershed restoration projects for consistency with this program in an expeditious manner and shall issue its decision along with any conditions within forty-five 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 as used in this section;
- p. Consistent with WAC 173-27-040, a public or private project that is designed to improve fish or wildlife habitat or fish passage, and that conforms to the provisions of RCW 77.55, when all of the following apply. The county may not require permits or charge fees for fish habitat enhancements such projects that meet the criteria and that are reviewed and approved according to the WAC provisions cited herein.
  - ~~i. The project has been approved in writing by WDFW;~~
  - ~~ii. The project has received hydraulic project approval (HPA) from WDFW pursuant to Chapter 77.55 RCW;~~
  - ~~iii. The county has determined that the project is substantially consistent with this shoreline master program. The county shall make such determination in a timely manner and provide it by letter to the project proponent; and~~
  - ~~iv. Fish habitat enhancement projects that conform to the provisions of RCW 77.55.181 are determined to be consistent with this program.~~
- q. The external or internal retrofitting of an existing structure with the exclusive purpose of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990 or as amended, to otherwise provide physical access to the structure by individuals with disabilities.

4. ~~Documentation of Exemption Documentations.~~ For any project qualifying for a shoreline exemption that also requires Federal Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permits, Federal Clean Water Act Section 404 permits, or state hydraulic project approval, a shoreline permit exemption letter must be prepared on receipt of a shoreline exemption application and minimum submittal requirements in accordance with WAC 173-27-050. The county shall also prepare shoreline permit exemption letters for other types of exempt, generally for activities at or below the OHWM, including but not limited to single-use buoys and floats. Permit exemption requests may be obtained through the county permit center. The county shall document exemptions in the permit system.

D. Conditional Use Permits, Including Administrative Conditional Use Permits.

1. The purpose of a CUP is to provide flexibility in authorizing uses in a manner consistent with RCW 90.58.020. Accordingly, special conditions may be imposed to prevent undesirable effects of the proposed use and/or to assure consistency of the project with the Act and this program.

2. CUPs shall be classified as a Type III permit under Chapter 21.04. Where administrative CUPs are allowed, they shall be classified as a Type II permit under Chapter 21.04. Unless specified otherwise in this program, the CUP criteria apply in addition to the applicable SDP criteria, and shall be combined into a single review process.
3. Shoreline CUPs shall be granted only after the applicant can demonstrate compliance with WAC 173-27-160 and this section as follows:
  - a. That the proposed use is consistent with the policies of RCW 90.58.020 and this program;
  - b. That the proposed use will not interfere with the normal public use of public shorelines and does not conflict with existing water-dependent uses;
  - c. That the proposed use of the site and design of the project is compatible with other authorized uses within the area and with uses planned for the area under the comprehensive plan and this program;
  - d. That the proposed use will not result in significant adverse effects or a net loss to the shoreline ecosystem functions in which it is to be located;
  - e. That the public interest suffers no substantial detrimental effect;
  - f. That consideration has been given to the cumulative impact of additional requests for like actions in the area and shall not result in substantial adverse effects or net loss of shoreline ecosystem functions. For example, if CUPs were granted for other developments in the area where similar circumstances exist, the total of the conditional uses shall also remain consistent with the use preference policies and shall not produce substantial adverse impacts to the shoreline environment. Consideration shall be demonstrated through preparation of a cumulative impacts report, if requested, that substantially conforms to the applicable provisions of Chapter 22.700 (Special Reports);
  - g. Other uses which are not classified or set forth in this program may be authorized as conditional uses provided the applicant can demonstrate consistency with the requirements of this section and the requirements for conditional uses contained in the master program;
  - h. Uses which are specifically prohibited by this master program may not be authorized pursuant to this section.
4. All applications for shoreline CUPs, including administrative CUPs, approved by the county shall be forwarded to Ecology pursuant to WAC 173-27-200, for final approval, approval with conditions, or denial. No approval shall be considered final until it has been acted upon by Ecology.

E. Variances and Administrative Variances.

1. The purpose of a variance permit is strictly limited to granting relief from specific bulk, dimensional, or performance standards (not uses) set forth in this program where there are extraordinary or unique circumstances relating to the property such that the strict implementation of this master program will impose unnecessary hardships on the applicant or thwart the policies set forth in RCW 90.58.020.
2. Variances shall be classified as a Type III permit under Chapter 21.04. Administrative variances shall be a Type II permit and may be granted where allowed under the use and modifications matrix or applicable permit requirements.
3. Variance permits should be granted in circumstances where denial of the permit would result in a thwarting of the policy enumerated in RCW 90.58.020. In all instances, extraordinary circumstances shall be shown and the public interest shall suffer no substantial detrimental effect.

4. Variance permits for development that will be located landward of the OHWM, except within those areas designated as marshes, bogs, or swamps pursuant to Chapter 173-22 WAC, may be authorized provided the applicant can demonstrate all of the following:

- a. That the strict application of the bulk, dimensional or performance standards set forth in Chapters 22.400 and 22.600 precludes, or significantly interferes with, reasonable use of the property;
- b. That the hardship described in subsection (E)(1) of this section is specifically related to the property, and is the result of unique conditions such as irregular lot shape, size, or natural features and the application of this program, and for example, not from deed restrictions or from the actions of the applicant or a predecessor in title;
- c. That the design of the project is compatible with other authorized uses within the area and with uses planned for the area under the comprehensive plan and this program, will not cause net loss to shoreline ecological functions and does not conflict with existing water-dependent uses;
- d. That the variance will not constitute a grant of special privilege not enjoyed by the other properties in the area;
- e. That the variance requested is the minimum necessary to afford relief; and
- f. That the public interest will suffer no substantial detrimental effect.

5. Variance permits for development and/or uses that will be located waterward of the OHWM or within any wetland as defined in RCW 90.58.030(2)(h), may be authorized provided the applicant can demonstrate all of the following:

- a. That the strict application of the bulk, dimensional or performance standards set forth in Chapters 22.400 and 22.600 preclude all reasonable use of the property;
- b. That the proposal is consistent with the criteria established under subsections (E)(4)(a) and (b) of this section; and
- c. That the public rights of navigation and use of the shorelines will not be adversely affected.

6. In the granting of all variance permits, consideration shall be given to the cumulative impact of additional requests for like actions in the area. For example, if variances were granted to other developments and/or uses in the area where similar circumstances exist, the total of the variances shall remain consistent with the policies of RCW 90.58.020 and shall not cause substantial adverse effects to the shoreline environment. The applicant shall demonstrate such consideration through submittal of a cumulative impacts report, where required (Section 22.700.130).

7. Variances may not be granted to authorize uses different from the shoreline use and modifications matrix in Section 22.600.105.

8. All applications for shoreline variances approved by the county, including administrative variances, shall be forwarded to Ecology pursuant to WAC 173-27-200, for final approval, approval with conditions, or denial. No approval shall be considered final until it has been acted upon by Ecology.

#### **22.500.105 Procedure.**

A. Permit Process Summary. ~~For informational purposes, a summary of the permit process described below follows and is illustrated on Figure 22.500.105(A)(7):~~

1. An application for a permit or exemption shall be made on forms prescribed by Kitsap County's permit procedures.

2. The application shall be made by the property owner, lessee, contract purchaser or other person entitled to possession of the property. ~~3. No applications are required for exceptions to local review as set forth in Section 22.100.120(B).~~

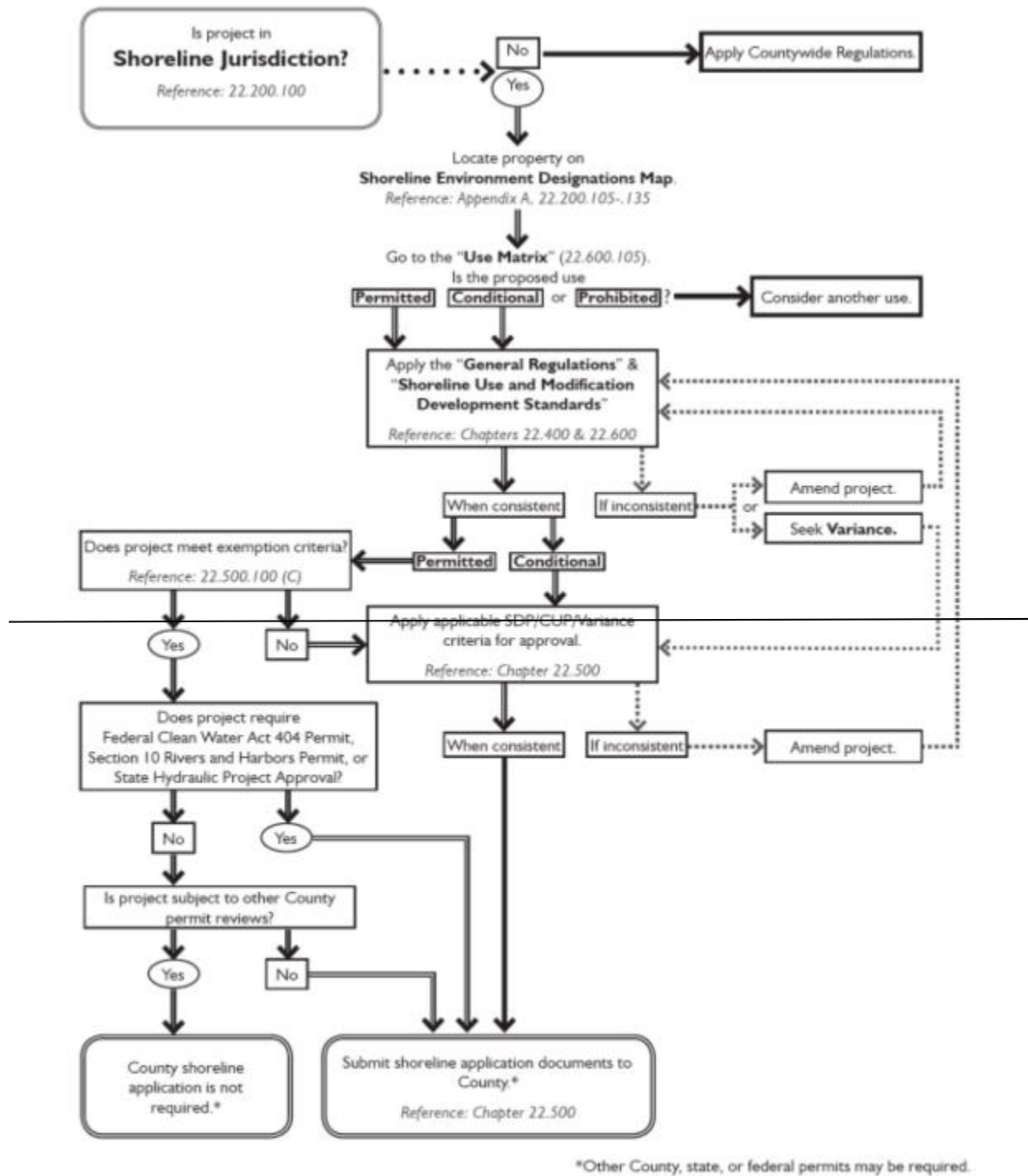
~~4.3.~~ Where exempt, the permit shall be reviewed pursuant to exemption criteria at WAC 173-27-040 and Section 22.500.100(C) (Exemptions from Substantial Development Permits).

~~5.4.~~ If not exempt, a pre-application or staff consultation meeting may be required as described below or for new dock proposals as described in Section 22.600.160(B)(1).

~~6.5.~~ If the application involves state-owned land, a pre-application conference with the Washington Department of Natural Resources land manager shall be held prior to submittal of the application. Confirmation of the pre-application conference shall be submitted as a requirement of the county's application process.

~~7.6.~~ For nonexempt proposals, the county shall provide notice of application pursuant to Title 21.

~~8.7.~~ A hearing date will be set before the hearing examiner. Notice of the hearing will be provided consistent with Chapter 21.04.



**Figure 22.500.105(A)(7)**  
**Shoreline Application Flow Chart**

9. The public hearing will be conducted pursuant to Chapter 21.04.

10. Following a decision by the county, the application will be forwarded to Ecology in accordance with the filing procedures at WAC 173-27-130.

B. Pre-Application and Staff Consultations.

1. A pre-application conference, described in Section 21.04.120, is required when the proposal involves state lands, and is highly recommended for any activities near or below the OHWM. This conference will result in clarification with regard to required permits and potential conditions as recommended by applicable state and tribal agencies.
2. A staff consultation, described in Section 21.04.120, is required for any over-water structure, shoreline armoring, or new primary structures or additions within the standard buffer (Section 22.400.120(B)(1)), except where waived by the department.
3. For leases of over-water structures on state-owned aquatic lands managed by Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), approval will be conditioned in accordance with state standards, including but not limited to buffer requirements.

C. Minimum Application Requirements. A complete application for a substantial development, conditional use, or variance permit shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name, address and phone number of the applicant. The applicant should be the owner of the property or the primary proponent of the project and not the representative of the owner or primary proponent.
2. The name, address and phone number of the applicant's representative if other than the applicant.
3. The name, address and phone number of the property owner, if other than the applicant.
4. Location of the property. This shall, at a minimum, include the property address and identification of the section, township and range to the nearest quarter, quarter section or latitude and longitude to the nearest minute. All applications for projects located in open water areas away from land shall provide a longitude and latitude location.
5. Identification of the name of the shoreline (water body) with which the site of the proposal is associated. This should be the water body from which jurisdiction of the Act over the project is derived.
6. A general description of the proposed project that includes the proposed use or uses and the activities necessary to accomplish the project.
7. A general description of the property as it now exists including its physical characteristics and improvements and structures.
8. A general description of the vicinity of the proposed project including identification of the adjacent uses, structures and improvements, intensity of development and physical characteristics.
9. A SEPA checklist, when required.
10. Special reports, when required (see Chapter 22.700).
11. A site development plan consisting of maps and elevation drawings, drawn to an appropriate scale to depict clearly all required information, photographs and text which shall include:
  - a. The boundary of the parcel(s) of land upon which the development is proposed.
  - b. The OHWM of all water bodies located adjacent to or within the boundary of the project. This may be an approximate location; provided, that for any development where a determination of consistency with the applicable regulations requires a precise location of the OHWM, the mark shall be located precisely and the biological and hydrological basis for the location as indicated on the plans shall be included in the development plan. Where the OHWM is neither adjacent to or within the boundary of the project, the plan shall indicate the distance and direction to the nearest OHWM of a shoreline.



c. The location of the shoreline buffer and setback upland from the OHWM to determine the extent of the work proposed within the buffer.

d. Existing and proposed land contours. The contours shall be at intervals sufficient to accurately determine the existing character of the property and the extent of the proposed change to the land that is necessary for the development. Areas within the boundary that will not be altered by the development may be indicated as such and contours approximated for that area.

e. A delineation of all ~~wetland areas~~ critical areas and critical area buffers including but not limited to wetlands, streams, geologically hazardous areas, floodways, and flood hazard areas that will be altered or used as a part of the development.

f. A general indication of the character of vegetation found on the site.

g. The dimensions and locations of all existing and proposed structures and improvements including, but not limited to: buildings, paved or graveled areas, roads, utilities, septic tanks and drainfields, material stockpiles or surcharge, and stormwater management facilities.

h. Where applicable, a landscaping plan for the project.

i. Where applicable, plans for development of areas on or off the site as mitigation for impacts associated with the proposed project shall be included and contain information consistent with the requirements of this section.

j. Quantity, source and composition of any fill material that is placed on the site whether temporary or permanent.

k. Quantity, composition and destination of any excavated or dredged material.

l. A vicinity map showing the relationship of the property and proposed development or use to roads, utilities, and existing development and uses on adjacent properties.

m. Where applicable, a depiction of the impacts to views from existing residential uses and public areas.

n. On all variance applications, the plans shall clearly indicate where development could occur without approval of a variance, the physical features and circumstances on the property that provide a basis for the request, and the location of adjacent structures and uses.

12. The applicable permit fees in accordance with the department of community development fee schedule.

D. Notice of Application. Following receipt of a complete application, the county will issue a notice of application for nonexempt projects, pursuant to the procedures in Chapter 21.04. In addition to the requirements of Section 21.04.210, the notice of application must provide for a thirty-day comment period, and include the date, time and place of public hearing (if applicable and scheduled), in accordance with WAC 173-27-110(2)(e).

E. Public Hearings and Notice of Decision.

1. The applicant has the burden of proof to establish that the proposed development is consistent with the Act, this program, and other applicable county policies and regulations. Upon consideration of the evidence offered at the public hearing, the hearing examiner will issue a decision. The decision will contain findings of fact and conclusions describing the manner in which the decision is consistent with the Act and this master program. The decision will be mailed to the applicant and other interested parties, Ecology, and the State's Attorney General.

2. Hearings shall follow the process as described in Chapter 21.04. The “hearing examiner rules of procedure” shall also serve as reference for the hearing procedure.

F. Initiation of Development. As set forth in WAC 173-27-190, each permit for a substantial development, conditional use or variance issued by local government shall contain a provision that construction pursuant to the permit shall not begin and is not authorized until twenty-one days from the date of filing as defined in RCW 90.58.140(6) and WAC 173-27-130, or until all review proceedings initiated within twenty-one days from the date of such filing have been terminated.

G. Permit Revisions.

1. A permit revision is required whenever the applicant proposes substantive changes to the design, terms or conditions of a project from that which is approved in the permit. Changes are substantive if they materially alter the project in a manner that relates to its conformance to the terms and conditions of the permit, this program and/or the policies and provisions of the Act.

2. A revision shall be classified as a Type I permit under Chapter 21.04.

3. When an applicant seeks to revise a permit, the applicant shall submit detailed plans and text describing the proposed changes. If the county determines that the proposed changes are within the scope and intent of the original permit, the county may approve a revision. “Within the scope and intent of the original permit” means all of the following:

a. No additional over-water construction is involved except that pier, dock, or float construction may be increased by five hundred square feet or ten percent from the provisions for the original permit, whichever is less;

b. Ground area coverage and height of each structure may be increased a maximum of ten percent from the provisions of the original permit;

c. The revised permit does not authorize development to exceed height, lot coverage, setback, or any other requirements of this program except as authorized under the original permit;

d. Additional landscaping is consistent with conditions (if any) attached to the original permit and with this program;

e. The use authorized pursuant to the original permit is not changed; and

f. No adverse environmental impact and no net loss to shoreline ecological functions will be caused by the project revision.

4. If the sum of the revision and any previously approved revisions violates the provisions in WAC 173-27-100 or the proposed change itself constitutes a substantial development, the applicant shall apply for a new permit in the manner provided for herein rather than proceeding under this section.

5. Administrative appeals of revision decisions shall be processed in accordance with Section 21.04.290, in addition to the following:

a. Appeals shall be based only upon contentions of noncompliance with the provisions of subsection (G)(3) of this section regarding whether or not the revision was “within the scope and intent of the original permit.”

b. If an appeal is successful in proving that a revision is not within the scope and intent of the original permit, the decision shall have no bearing on the original permit.

6. The county's final approval of the revision, along with the revised site plan, text and the final ruling on consistency with this section shall be filed with Ecology. In addition, the county shall notify parties of record during the original issuance of the permit. The revised permit is effective immediately upon final approval by the county.

7. If the revision to the original permit involves a conditional use or variance that was conditioned by Ecology, the county shall submit the revision to Ecology for its approval, approval with conditions, or denial. The revision shall indicate that it is being submitted under the requirements of WAC 173-27-100. Upon receipt of Ecology's decision, the county shall notify parties of record of Ecology's final decision. The revised permit is effective immediately upon final approval by Ecology.

#### H. Time Requirements and Expiration.

1. The time requirements of this section shall apply to all substantial development permits, ~~and to any development authorized pursuant to a shoreline variance or a conditional use permits, and to all activities exempt from shoreline substantial development permits.~~

2. Construction activities shall be commenced or, where no construction activities are involved, the use or activity shall be commenced within two years of the effective date of a substantial development permit or shoreline exemption. A single extension for a period not to exceed one year may be authorized based on reasonable factors, if a request for extension has been filed before the expiration date and notice of the proposed extension is given to parties of record on the substantial development permit and to the Department of Ecology.

3. Authorization to conduct development activities shall terminate five years after the effective date of an SDP. A single extension for a period not to exceed one year may be authorized based on reasonable factors, if a request for extension has been filed before the expiration date and notice of the proposed extension is given to parties of record and to the Department of Ecology.

4. The effective date of an SDP shall be the date of filing as provided in RCW 90.58.140(6). The permit time periods identified herein do not include the time during which a use or activity was not actually pursued due to the pendency of administrative appeals or legal actions or due to the need to obtain any other government permits and approvals for the development that authorize the development to proceed, including all reasonably related administrative or legal actions on any such permits or approvals.

5. Revisions to permits under WAC 173-27-100 may be authorized after original permit authorization has expired so long as this procedure is not used to extend the original permit time requirements or to authorize substantial development after the time limits of the original permit.

6. Kitsap County shall notify Ecology in writing of any change to the effective date of a permit, as authorized by this section, with an explanation of the basis for approval of the change. Any change to the time limits of a permit other than those authorized by RCW 90.58.143 as amended shall require a new permit application.

#### I. Shoreline Master Program Amendment.

##### 1. General.

a. This master program carries out the policies of the Act for Kitsap County. It shall be reviewed and amended as appropriate in accordance with the review periods required in the Act and in order to:

i. Assure that this program complies with applicable law and guidelines in effect at the time of the review; and

ii. Assure consistency of this program with the county's comprehensive plan and development regulations adopted under Chapter 36.70A RCW, if applicable, and other local requirements.

b. This program and all amendments thereto shall become effective in accordance with RCW 90.58.090(7).

c. The program may be amended annually or more frequently as needed pursuant to the Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a)(iii).

2. Amendment Process and Criteria.

a. Initiation. Future amendments to this program may be initiated by any person, resident, property owner, business owner, governmental or nongovernmental agency.

b. Application. Applications for master program amendments shall specify the changes requested and any and all reasons therefor. Applications shall be made on forms specified by the county. Such applications shall comply with Section 21.08.050.

c. Public Review Process – Minimum Requirements. The county shall accomplish the amendments in accordance with the procedures of the Act, Growth Management Act, and implementing rules including, but not limited to, RCW 90.58.080, WAC 173-26-100, RCW 36.70A.106 and 36.70A.130, and Part Six, Chapter 365-196 WAC.

d. Roles and Responsibilities. Proposals for a amendment of this program shall be heard by the planning commission in accordance with Section 21.08.100. Final local review and approval shall be in accordance with Section 21.08.110.

e. Finding. Prior to approval, and in addition to the findings required by Section 21.08.110, the county shall make a finding that the amendment would accomplish subsection (I)(2)(e)(i) or (ii) of this section, and would accomplish subsection (I)(2)(e)(iii) of this section.

i. The proposed amendment would make this program more consistent with the Act and/or any applicable Ecology guidelines;

ii. The proposed amendment would make this program more equitable in its application to persons or property due to changed conditions in an area;

iii. This program and any future amendment hereto shall ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions and processes on a programmatic basis in accordance with the baseline functions present as of the effective date of this program.

f. Upon local adoption, the program or its amendment shall be forwarded to Ecology for review and approval in accordance with Chapter 90.58 RCW and WAC 173-26-110.

J. Administrative Interpretation. The county shall make administrative decisions and interpretations of the policies and regulations of this program and the Act in accordance with Section 21.04.040. The county shall consult with Ecology to ensure that any formal written interpretations are consistent with the purpose and intent of Chapter 90.58 RCW, and Chapters 173-26 and 173-27 WAC.

K. Monitoring. The county will track all shoreline permits and exemption activities to evaluate whether the master program is achieving no net loss of ecological functions. Project monitoring is required for individual restoration and mitigation projects consistent with the critical areas regulations (Section 22.400.115). In addition, the county shall conduct system-wide monitoring of shoreline conditions and development activity that occur in shoreline jurisdiction outside of critical areas and their buffers, to the degree practical. Activities to be tracked using the county's permit system include development, conservation, restoration and mitigation, such as:

1. New shoreline development.
2. Shoreline variances and the nature of the variance.

3. Compliance issues.
4. Net changes in impervious surface areas, including a associated stormwater management.
5. Net changes in fill or armorings.
6. Net changes in vegetation (area, character).

Using this information and information about the outcomes of other actions and programs of the other county departments, a no net loss report shall be prepared as part of the program update required by RCW 90.58.080. Should the no net loss report show degradation of the baseline condition documented in the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report (2011), changes to the master program and/or shoreline restoration plan (Appendix C to the ordinance codified in this title) shall be proposed at the time of the eight-year update to prevent further degradation and address the loss in ecological functions.

**22.500.110 Enforcement and penalties.**

A. Authority. Kitsap County may bring such declaratory, injunctive or other action as may be necessary to assure that no uses are made of the shorelines subject to Kitsap County jurisdiction contrary to the provisions of this program or the Act. Ecology shall also have enforcement authority pursuant to Chapter 90.58 RCW and Chapter 173-27 WAC, "Part II Shoreline Management Act Enforcement."

B. Process.

1. Any action taken by Kitsap County shall be in accordance with civil enforcement provisions of the code enforcement chapter of Kitsap County Code, ~~as now or hereafter amended~~, along with the following provisions.
2. The choice of enforcement action and the severity of any penalty should be based on the nature of the violation, the damage or risk to the public or to public resources, and/or the existence or degree of bad faith of the persons subject to the enforcement action.
3. Whenever an authorized official determines that a violation has occurred or is occurring, he or she should pursue reasonable attempts to secure voluntary corrections prior to taking any other action. Failing voluntary correction, the authorized official may issue a notice of infraction. Upon receipt of a notice of infraction, a person may request a hearing to explain mitigating circumstances surrounding the infraction.

C. Civil Penalties. Pursuant to RCW 90.58.210, any person who fails to conform to the terms of a permit issued under this program or who undertakes development on the shorelines of the state without first obtaining any permit required under this program shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each violation. Each permit violation or each day of continued development without a required permit shall constitute a separate violation.

D. Criminal Penalties. Any person found to have willfully engaged in activities on the shorelines of the state in violation of the Act, this master program, or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, pursuant to RCW 90.58.220.

## Chapter 22.600

### SHORELINE USE AND MODIFICATION DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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**22.600.100 Applicability.**

The provisions in this chapter apply to specific common uses and modifications and types of development to the extent they occur within shoreline jurisdiction.

**22.600.105 Use and modifications matrix.**

Table 22.600.105 Shoreline Use and Modifications Matrix

<b>SHORELINE USES and MODIFICATIONS</b>						
<i>The following permits apply to the specific uses, modifications and development. Individual uses, modifications and development shall comply with the provisions of this program, particularly Section 22.400.110 (Mitigation), and the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan as of the effective date of this program.</i>						
Legend: P = Permitted with substantial development permit (SDP) or exempt if exemption criteria in Section 22.500.100(C) are met C = Conditional use permit (CUP) C(A) = Administrative CUP X = Prohibited	Natural	Rural Conservancy	Urban Conservancy	Shoreline Residential	High Intensity	Aquatic
<b>Agriculture</b>						
General <sup>1</sup>	X	P	P	P	X	X
<b>Aquaculture</b>						
Commercial Geoduck	C	C	C	C	C	<sup>2</sup>
Other Aquaculture	P <sup>3</sup>	P <sup>3</sup>	P <sup>3</sup>	P <sup>3</sup>	P <sup>3</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
Note: An SDP shall not be required for aquaculture development that meets the exemption criteria at Section 22.500.100(C). Supplemental seeding activities are also exempt.						
<b>Barrier Structures (Includes Breakwaters, Jetties, Groins and Weirs)</b>						
General	X	C	C	C	C	<sup>2</sup>
Ecological Restoration <sup>4</sup>	P	P	P	P	P	<sup>2</sup>
<b>Boating Facilities (Including Marinas)</b>						
General	X	P	P	P	P	<sup>2</sup>
Marinas	X	C	C	C	C	<sup>2</sup>
<b>Commercial</b>						
Water-Oriented	X	P	P	P	P	X <sup>5</sup>
Non-Water- Oriented	X	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>
<b>Dredging (See Section 22.600.135)</b>						
General	X	C	C	C	C	<sup>2</sup>
<b>Dredge Disposal (see Section 22.600.135)</b>						

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General	X	C	C	C	C	<sup>2</sup>
Ecological Restoration <sup>7</sup>	C	P	P	P	P	<sup>2</sup>
<b>Fill (See Section 22.600.140)</b>						
Waterward of OHWM	X	C	C	C	C	<sup>2</sup>
Upland of OHWM, or Ecological Restoration	C	P	P	P	P	<sup>2</sup>
Ecological Restoration	P	P	P	P	P	<sup>2</sup>
<b>Flood Hazard Reduction Measures</b>						
General	C	C	C	C	C	C
<b>Forest Practices</b>						
Commercial Forestry	C	P	X	X	X	N/A
Class IV – General	C	P	P	P	P	N/A
<b>Industrial</b>						
Water-Oriented Uses	X	X	C	C	P	X <sup>8</sup>
Non-Water-Oriented Uses	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Mining</b>						
General	X	C <sup>9</sup>	X	X	C <sup>9</sup>	X
<b>Mooring Structures and Activities (Includes Piers, Docks, Floats, Ramps and Buoys)</b>						
Single Use	X <sup>10</sup>	P <sup>10</sup>	P <sup>10</sup>	P <sup>10</sup>	P <sup>10</sup>	<sup>2</sup>



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Joint or Public Use	X <sup>11</sup>	P	P	P	P	2
<b>Recreation and Public Access</b>						
Nonmotorized, Water-Oriented	P	P	P	P	P	13
Other Water-Oriented	C <sup>12</sup>	P	P	P	P	13
Non-Water-Oriented	X	P <sup>14</sup>	P <sup>14</sup>	P <sup>14</sup>	P <sup>14</sup>	X
<b>Residential</b>						
Single-Family	C(A)	P <sup>15</sup>	P <sup>15</sup>	P <sup>15</sup>	P <sup>15</sup>	X
Multifamily, Subdivisions, and Accessory Dwelling Units	X <sup>16</sup>	C	C	P	P	X
<b>Restoration and Enhancement</b>						
General	P	P	P	P	P	P
<b>Shoreline Stabilization (New/Repair and Maintenance)</b>						
Hard	C(A)	C(A)	C(A)	C(A)	C(A)	18
Hybrid	<u>C(A)</u>	<u>C(A)</u>	<u>C(A)</u>	<u>C(A)</u>	<u>C(A)</u>	24
Soft	P <sup>17</sup>	P <sup>17</sup>	P <sup>17</sup>	P <sup>17</sup>	P <sup>17</sup>	19
<b>Transportation</b>						
General	X <sup>20</sup>	C	C	P	P	P <sup>21</sup>
<b>Utilities</b>						
General	X <sup>22</sup>	P <sup>23</sup>	P <sup>23</sup>	P <sup>23</sup>	P <sup>23</sup>	C

Footnotes:

1. Does not modify or limit agricultural activities occurring on lands currently in agricultural use.
2. Adjoining upland designation applies; see applicable regulations in Title 17 (Zoning) of the underlying zoning and Section 22.600.110.
3. Floating net pens are prohibited south of Hazel Point on Hood Canal, otherwise a CUP shall be required for floating net pens in all other areas and for aquaculture activities in the natural environment designation where the proposal requires new structures or facilities (see Section 22.600.115).
4. See barrier structures and other in-stream structures (Section 22.600.120) for qualifying ecological restoration.
5. If the use is water-dependent or necessary to support an allowed use in the adjoining upland designation, then may be permitted through an SDP.
6. See commercial development (Section 22.600.130) for allowances with a CUP.
7. See dredging and dredge disposal (Section 22.600.135) for qualifying ecological restoration.
8. If the use is water-dependent or necessary to support an allowed use in the adjoining upland designation, then may be permitted with a CUP.
9. Provided consistent with the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan mineral resources overlay.
10. Single-use buoys are exempt from substantial development permit in certain environments, in accordance with Sections 22.500.100(C)(2)(b); 22.500.100(C)(3)(f); and 22.600.160(A)(1).
11. If the adjoining upland use is a public park, then up to two buoys allowed.
12. May be permitted through an SDP if consistent with an approved park plan.
13. See recreation and public access (Section 22.600.165) for applicability in the aquatic designation.
14. Non-water-oriented uses shall be subject to shoreline buffer standards (Section 22.400.120).
15. Exempt if single-family residence exemption criteria in Section 22.500.100(C)(3) are met.
16. May be permitted through a CUP for subdivisions.
17. Soft shore shoreline stabilization is exempt from an SDP if exemption criteria in Section 22.500.100(C)(3)(c) are met.
18. Hard or hybrid shoreline stabilization is prohibited in aquatic unless demonstrated necessary, then may be permitted with a CUP (see Section 22.600.175).
19. Soft shoreline stabilization may be permitted with an SDP in the aquatic shoreline environment designation where demonstrated necessary, or through an exemption where criteria are met (see Sections 22.500.100(C) and 22.600.175(D)).
20. If necessary to serve essential transportation corridors or in support of permitted uses and activities that cannot be located outside of applicable buffers, may be permitted through a CUP (see Section 22.600.180).
21. See transportation (Section 22.600.180) for limitations in aquatic designation.
22. If essential utilities in support of permitted uses and activities that cannot be located outside of applicable buffers, may be permitted with a CUP.
23. Utilities associated with an exempt single-family residence and appurtenances exempt also.
24. Refer to hybrid stabilization section 22.600.175.

### **22.600.110 Agriculture.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Except for agricultural uses and lands that exist at the time of the adoption of this program, and thus do not need to apply for a permit, where agriculture is proposed in the following designations the identified permit requirements shall apply:

1. Natural: prohibited.
2. Rural conservancy and urban conservancy: SDP.
3. Shoreline residential: SDP.
4. High intensity: prohibited.
5. Aquatic: prohibited (farming of fin fish, shellfish and management of other aquatic products are subject to the policies and regulations of Section 22.600.115, Aquaculture).

B. Development Standards.

1. New agricultural practices below the standard buffer and above the reduced standard buffer shall require an approved farm management plan in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture standards.
2. Existing Agriculture.
  - a. This section does not require modification of or limit agricultural activities occurring on agricultural lands as of the effective date of this program.

- b. Expansion of agricultural activities on existing agricultural lands shall be encouraged to comply with the vegetation conservation standards identified in Section 22.400.120 to the greatest extent feasible.
3. New Agricultural Activities on Nonagricultural Land.
  - a. New agricultural activities proposed on land not currently in agricultural use, and any modifications in support of such use, shall comply with the following:
    - i. The use or modification is consistent with the environment designation in which the land is located; and
    - ii. The use or modification is located and designed to assure no net loss of ecological functions and in such a way as to not have a significant adverse impact on other shoreline resources and values.
  - b. A native vegetation buffer, consistent with that of the environment designation in which the use is occurring, shall be permanently maintained between new agricultural activities and the OHWM of the shoreline or wetlands. A fence shall be installed at the outer buffer edge to separate water bodies from livestock pastures.
  - c. Confined animal feeding operations, retention and storage ponds for feed lot wastes, and stock piles of manure solids shall not be allowed within shoreline jurisdiction, unless shoreline ecological functions are mitigated through an approved farm management plan.
  - d. Soil conservation measures, including but not limited to erosion control, crop rotation, mulching, strip cropping, contour cultivation, and best management practices, shall be utilized to minimize soil erosion.
  - e. Aerial spraying of fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides over water bodies is prohibited.
  - f. No fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides shall be used in agricultural practices unless the applicant can demonstrate that the application of such substances will not result in the direct runoff of contaminated waters into water bodies or a aquifer recharge areas.
  - g. The applicant may be required to submit a soil study and drainage plan in order to determine that the agricultural practices meet the regulations set forth above.
4. Nonagricultural Activities on Agricultural Land. The use of agricultural land for development that does not meet the definition of agricultural activities, including the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses, shall be consistent with the environment designation and the general and specific regulations applicable to the proposed use, and shall result in no net loss of ecological functions associated with the shoreline.

#### **22.600.115 Aquaculture.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where aquaculture is proposed in the following upland designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply. Where proposed in the adjacent aquatic designation, the corresponding upland designation shall be used to determine permit requirements:

1. High intensity, shoreline residential, urban conservancy, rural conservancy, and natural: Except as otherwise stated in this section, an SDP shall be required for new aquaculture activities that meet the definition of substantial development under the Shoreline Management Act and this shoreline master program.
2. Natural: A CUP shall be required where the proposal requires new structure or facilities.
3. Geoduck Aquaculture in All Designations.
  - a. A CUP shall be required for all new commercial geoduck aquaculture and existing aquaculture being converted to commercial geoduck aquaculture.

b. An SDP shall be required for the planting, growing and harvesting of farm-raised geoducks only if the specific project or practice causes substantial interference with normal public use of the surface waters.

c. Wildstock geoduck harvest associated with the state and tribal comanaged geoduck fishery is not a aquaculture. Since a fishery does not constitute development under this program, it is not subject to its regulations.

4. Certain aquaculture developments and supplemental wild stock seeding may be exempt from SDP requirements pursuant to the exemption criteria at Section 22.500.100(C) of this program. Such activities shall also comply with all state and federal requirements, including but not limited to Department of Health certification and license, or shellfish import or shellfish transfer permits, where applicable.

B. Application Requirements. In addition to the minimum application requirements in Section 22.500.105(C), aquaculture applications shall include the following information if not already provided in the local, state or federal permit applications. Where requested information is not applicable to a specific proposal, the application shall not be required to include all items listed under this section as long as it is demonstrated why the information does not apply, with concurrence from the department.

1. A site plan, including:

- a. The perimeter of the proposed aquaculture operation area;
- b. Existing bathymetry depths based on mean lower low water (MLLW datum);
- c. Adjacent upland use, vegetation, presence of structures, docks, bulkheads and other modifications;
- d. Areas where specific substrate modification will take place or structures will be constructed or installed;
- e. Access provisions for marine or vehicle traffic, processing structures or facilities; and
- f. Location of storage or processing structures or facilities.

2. A baseline description of existing and seasonal conditions, including best available information. Where applicable to the subject proposal, the following shall be included. Note: information regarding wind conditions, current flows and flushing rates (subsections (B)(2)(c) through (e) of this section) will generally not be applicable to shellfish aquaculture applications.

- a. Water quality;
- b. Tidal variations;
- c. Prevailing storm wind conditions;
- d. Current flows at each tidal cycle;
- e. Flushing rates;
- f. Littoral drift;
- g. Sediment dispersal, including areas of differing substrate composition;
- h. Areas of aquatic, intertidal and upland vegetation complexes; a vegetation habitat survey (see Section 22.700.145, Biological and Habitat Surveys) must be conducted according to the most current WDFW eelgrass and macroalgae survey guidelines;

- i. Aquatic and benthic organisms present, including forage fish, and spawning and other lifecycle use of, or adjacent to, the site;
    - j. Probable direct, indirect and cumulative impacts to items (B)(2)(a) through (i) of this section; and
    - k. Visual assessment, including photo analysis/simulation of the proposed activity demonstrating visual impacts within one thousand five hundred feet of the proposed project site. Where predator exclusion devices are proposed, the assessment shall include an analysis of visual impacts of proposed predator exclusion devices at mean high and mean low tides.
3. An operational plan, which includes the following, when applicable:
  - a. Species, and quantity to be reared;
  - b. Source of aquatic product;
  - c. Implementation methods, including density, schedule, phasing options, time of day, and anticipated lighting and noise levels;
  - d. Number of employees/workers necessary for the project, including average and peak employment;
  - e. Methods and location of waste disposal and sanitation facilities;
  - f. Methods for planting and harvest;
  - g. Methods for predation control, including types of predator exclusion devices;
  - h. Food and equipment storage;
  - i. Anticipated use of any feed, herbicides, antibiotics, vaccines, growth stimulants, antifouling agents, or other chemicals and an assessment of predicted impacts;
  - j. Methods to address pollutant loading, including biological oxygen demand (BOD);
  - k. A schedule for water quality monitoring, where required; and
  - l. Other measures to achieve no net loss of ecological functions consistent with the mitigation sequence described in WAC 173-26-201(2)(e).
4. Other applications and reports, when applicable or requested, to ensure compliance with permit conditions, which may include:
  - a. An accepted Washington Department of Natural Resources lease application, including a waiver of preference rights to access for navigation from the upland property owner, if applicable;
  - b. An accepted Washington Department of Ecology National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, if applicable;
  - c. An accepted Washington Department of Health beach certification number;
  - d. An accepted WDFW aquatic farm permit, and/or fish transport permit;
  - e. Water quality studies;
  - f. Reports on solids accumulation on the bottom resulting from the permitted activity along with its biological effects;

- g. Report on growth, productivity, and chemical contamination of shoreline plants and animals within or adjacent to the proposed site;
- h. Noise level assessments, including mitigation measures to ensure compliance with Chapter 10.28; and/or
- i. Monitoring and adaptive management plan for introduction of aquatic species not previously cultivated in Washington State.

C. Development Standards.

1. General Standards.

- a. Aquaculture is dependent on the use of the water area and, when consistent with control of pollution and prevention of damage to the environment, shall be a preferred use.
- b. When a shoreline substantial development or conditional use permit is issued for a new aquaculture use or development, that permit shall apply to the initial siting, construction, and planting or stocking of the facility or farm. Authorization to conduct such activities shall be valid for a period of five years with a possible extension per Section 22.500.105(H). After an aquaculture use or development is established under a shoreline permit, continued operation of the use or development, including, but not limited to, maintenance, harvest, replanting, restocking or changing the culture technique shall not require a new or renewed permit unless otherwise provided in the conditions of approval, or if required pursuant to permit revision criteria in WAC 173-27-100 or this program. Changing of the species cultivated shall be subject to applicable standards of this program, including, but not limited to, monitoring and adaptive management in accordance with subsection (C)(1)(g) of this section.
- c. Aquaculture shall not be permitted in areas where it would result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions, or where adverse impacts to critical saltwater and freshwater habitats cannot be mitigated according to the mitigation sequencing requirements of this program (see Section 22.400.110(A)).
- d. Aquaculture shall not significantly conflict with navigation and other water-dependent uses.
- e. Aquaculture activities proposed within shorelines of statewide significance shall first be subject to the policies for shorelines of statewide significance contained in Chapter 22.300 (General Goals and Policies), and then the policies and regulations contained in this section, in that order of preference.
- f. In general, when considering new aquaculture activities, refer to policies at Sections 22.300.125(E) through (K) for siting and design preferences.
- g. Project applicants proposing to introduce aquatic species that have not previously been cultivated in Washington State are responsible for pursuing required state and federal approvals relating to the introduction of such species, as determined by applicable state and federal agencies. A plan for monitoring and adaptive management shall also be submitted for county review, unless the operation is conducted in a fully contained system with no water exchange to the shoreline. The county shall provide notice and time to comment for appropriate agencies in accordance with county procedural requirements, and shall circulate the monitoring and adaptive management plan. Upon approval, the plan shall become a condition of project approval.
- h. Over-water structures and/or equipment, and any items stored upon such structures such as materials, garbage, tools, or apparatus, shall be designed and maintained to minimize visual impacts. The maximum height for items stored upon such structures shall be limited to three feet, as measured from the surface of the raft or the dock, unless shoreline conditions serve to minimize visual impacts (for example: high bank environments, shorelines without residential development), but in no case shall the height exceed six feet. Height limitations do not apply to materials and apparatus removed from the site on a

daily basis. Materials that are not necessary for the immediate and regular operation of the facility shall not be stored waterward of the OHWM.

- i. Aquaculture structures and equipment used on tidelands below ordinary high water shall be of sound construction, with the owners' identifying marks where feasible, and shall be so maintained. Abandoned or unsafe structures and/or equipment shall be promptly removed or repaired by the owner.
  - j. No processing of any aquaculture product, except for the sorting and culling of the cultured organism and the washing or removal of surface materials or organisms after harvest, shall occur in or over the water unless specifically approved by permit. All other processing and related facilities shall be located on land and shall be subject to the regulations for commercial development (Section 22.600.130) and industrial development (Section 22.600.150), in addition to the provisions of this section.
  - k. No garbage, wastes or debris shall be allowed to accumulate at the site of any aquaculture operation, except for in proper receptacles.
  - l. All floating and submerged aquaculture structures and facilities in navigable waters shall be marked in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
  - m. The rights of treaty tribes to aquatic resources within their usual and accustomed areas are addressed through direct coordination between the applicant/proponent and the affected tribe(s). Kitsap County will notify affected tribes of new shoreline permit applications utilizing the applicable notification process in Title 21 (Land Use and Development Procedures).
  - n. In order to avoid or limit the ecological and aesthetic impacts from aquaculture siting and operations, the following shall apply:
    - i. Predator exclusion devices shall be firmly attached or secured so as not to become dislodged.
    - ii. Predator exclusion devices shall blend with the natural environment.
    - iii. Aquaculture operators shall routinely inspect and maintain predator exclusion devices.
    - iv. Predator exclusion devices such as rubber bands, small nets, and area netting can be dislodged and pose a hazard to birds, marine mammals, and other wildlife and domestic animals, and thus are subject to Kitsap County public nuisance regulations (Chapter 9.56).
    - v. Predator exclusion devices shall be removed as soon as they are no longer needed to perform protective functions.
    - vi. Predator exclusion methods shall not be designed to intentionally kill or injure birds or mammals. Predator exclusion methods shall comply with federal and state regulations as determined by applicable federal and state agencies.
    - vii. When determined necessary to minimize aesthetic and habitat impacts of large-scale projects, the county may require a phased approach to operation. This includes planting and harvesting areas on a rotational basis within the same tideland parcel.
  - o. Where aquaculture occurs on state-owned aquatic lands, the project proponent shall contact and adhere to Washington Department of Natural Resources requirements.
2. Additional Standards for Commercial Geoduck Aquaculture.
- a. In addition to the general development standards above, commercial geoduck aquaculture shall only be allowed where sediments, topography, land and water access support geoduck aquaculture operations without significant clearing or grading.

- b. All permits shall take into account that commercial geoduck operators have the right to harvest geoduck once planted.
  - c. All subsequent cycles of planting and harvest shall not require a new CUP, subject to WAC 173-27-100.
  - d. A single CUP may be submitted for multiple sites within an inlet, bay or other defined feature, provided the sites are all under control of the same applicant and within the program's jurisdiction.
  - e. Commercial geoduck aquaculture workers shall be allowed to accomplish on-site work during low tides, which may occur at night or on weekends. Where such activities are necessary, noise and light impacts to nearby residents shall be mitigated to the greatest extent practicable.
3. Additional Standards for Net Pens. Fish net pens and rafts shall meet the following criteria:
- a. Fish net pens shall meet, at a minimum, state approved administrative guidelines for the management of net pen cultures. In the event there is a conflict in requirements, the more restrictive shall prevail.
  - b. Alternative facilities and technologies that reduce ecological and aesthetic impacts shall be preferred to traditional floating net pens.
  - c. Anchors that minimize disturbance to substrate, such as helical anchors, shall be employed.
  - d. Net pen facilities shall be located no closer than one thousand five hundred feet from the OHWM, unless a specific lesser distance is determined to be appropriate based upon a visual impact analysis or due to potential impacts to navigational lines.
  - e. Net cleaning activities shall be conducted on a frequent enough basis so as not to violate state water quality standards.
  - f. In the event of a significant fish kill at the site of the net pen facility, the facility operator shall submit a timely report to the Kitsap public health district and the Kitsap County department of community development stating the cause of death and shall detail remedial action(s) to be implemented to prevent reoccurrence.
  - g. Floating net pens shall be prohibited in Kitsap County's Hood Canal jurisdictional area south of the east-west line between Hazel Point (Jefferson County) and the corresponding easterly shoreline in Kitsap County. (Citation: Recommended Interim Siting Guidelines for the Management of Salmon Net Pen Culture in Puget Sound, p. 7.)
  - h. ~~All marine finfish aquaculture programs shall comply with RCW 77.125. New or expanded leases of nonnative marine finfish aquaculture are prohibited.~~

**22.600.120 Barrier structures and other in-stream structures.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where barrier structures and other in-stream structures are proposed in the following upland designations, the following permit requirements shall apply. Where proposed in the adjacent aquatic designation, the corresponding upland designation shall be used to determine permit requirements.

1. Natural: prohibited, except as otherwise stated in this section.
2. High intensity, shoreline residential, urban conservancy, rural conservancy: CUP, except as otherwise stated in this section.



3. All designations: An SDP shall be required for barrier structures and other in-stream structures that have ecological restoration as the primary purpose.

B. Application Requirements.

1. In addition to the general permit requirements, applications for breakwaters, jetties and groins shall include the following information:

- a. Reason for the project;
- b. Type of construction;
- c. Method of construction;
- d. Direction of net long-shore drift;
- e. Location of the barrier structure; and
- f. Notification of affected property owners, to include at minimum all property owners downdrift of the project in the drift cell, unless reviewed and approved otherwise by the county.

2. In addition to the general permit requirements, applications for weirs and other in-stream structures shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

- a. Hydrogeological report (see Section 22.700.125), prepared by a licensed professional engineer, which sufficiently describes the project's effects on streamway hydraulics, including potential for redirection of the normal flow of the affected stream.
- b. Habitat surveys, prepared by a professional biologist consistent with Section 22.700.145, which sufficiently describes the project's effects on fisheries and wildlife resources.
- c. Provision for erosion control, and protection of water quality and fishery and wildlife resources during construction.
- d. Long-term management plans, which describe, in sufficient detail, provisions for protection of in-stream resources during construction and operation. The plan shall include a means for monitoring success.

C. Development Standards.

1. When located waterward of the OHWM, barrier structures and other in-stream structures shall be allowed only where necessary to support:

- a. Water-dependent uses.
- b. Public access.
- c. Public facilities or utilities.
- d. Existing or restored natural features, with special emphasis on protecting and restoring priority habitats and species, but only where part of an approved restoration plan.

2. Structures shall be designed to protect critical areas, shoreline processes and ecological functions, fish and wildlife passage, natural character/scenery, and cultural resources, and shall provide for mitigation according to the sequence defined in Sections 22.300.100 (Critical areas and ecological protection) and 22.400.110 (Mitigation).

3. Structures shall be the minimum size necessary to achieve the intended purpose.
4. Floating breakwaters shall be utilized instead of solid fill breakwaters, except where proven infeasible.
5. Consideration shall be given to avoiding or minimizing land use conflicts to properties adjacent to the proposed site, whether upstream/updrift or downstream/downdrift.

**22.600.125 Boating facilities.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where boating facilities are proposed in the following upland designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply. Where proposed in the adjacent aquatic designation, the corresponding upland designation shall be used to determine permit requirements:

1. Natural: prohibited.
2. Rural conservancy, urban conservancy, shoreline residential and high intensity:
  - a. SDP for boating facilities designed for five to nine vessels;
  - b. CUP for marinas (ten or more vessels) and buoy fields for ten or more vessels.

B. Application Requirements. In addition to the general permit requirements, the applicant shall be required to submit the following information:

1. A study of water quality, water circulation and flushing;
2. A survey of littoral drift and shoreform processes;
3. A benthic and habitat study;
4. A petroleum handling and storage management plan;
5. An emergency management plan, to include fire protection and hazard response;
6. A visual impact assessment;
7. Waste and sewage disposal plan;
8. Speed limits;
9. Noise levels;
10. Lighting and signage;
11. Size, scale, and building materials;
12. Public or private use;
13. Parking and circulation;
14. Distance to the nearest boating facility.

C. Development Standards.

1. General Regulations.
  - a. All boating facilities must conform to the requirements for mooring structures (Section 22.600.160).

- b. Dredging for boating facilities shall conform to the requirements for dredging and dredge disposal (Section 22.600.135).
  - c. Boating facilities and their associated and accessory uses shall result in no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
  - d. Boating facilities shall be located, designed, and maintained to be compatible with abutting land uses and the prevailing community character to the greatest extent feasible. Aesthetic impacts must be avoided, or mitigated where avoidance is not feasible.
  - e. Boating facilities must meet applicable federal and state health, safety, and welfare requirements. This shall include, but not be limited to, the Kitsap County board of health ordinance (Ordinance 2008A-01 for on-site sewage requirements), and the Bremerton-Kitsap board of health ordinance (Ordinance 1999-13 for marina sewage regulations). In addition, notice of permit application shall be provided to the Washington State Department of Health in order to ensure consistency with state health regulations for shellfish harvest.
  - f. Boating facilities shall protect the rights of navigation.
  - g. Boating facilities shall avoid impacts to littoral drift. Where impacts cannot be avoided, mitigation shall be required.
  - h. All non-water-dependent structures shall be located landward of the OHWM.
2. Marinas.
- a. In evaluating an application for a marina, consideration shall be given to water quality, water circulation and flushing, aquatic life, petroleum handling and storage, fire codes, public access and compatibility with other uses.
  - b. New marinas shall incorporate public access into their master plans pursuant to WAC 173-26-221(4). Examples of public access may include pocket beaches, fishing piers, viewing platforms and transient moorage slips.
  - c. Accessory parking, transportation facilities, and commercial development shall meet the requirements of Sections 22.600.180 and 22.600.130, respectively.
  - d. Marinas shall provide an operational plan. At a minimum, the operational plan shall address all of the following:
    - i. Adequate facilities and operational procedures for fuel handling and storage in order to prevent accidental spillage.
    - ii. Facilities, equipment and established procedures for the containment, recovery, and mitigation of spilled sewage, petroleum and other hazardous materials.
    - iii. Signs concerning the following matters where they are readily visible to all marina users:
      - (A) Regulations pertaining to handling and disposal of waste, sewage, or other toxic materials;
      - (B) Regulations prohibiting the disposal of fish or shellfish wastes, scrap fish, viscera or unused bait in or near the marina;
      - (C) Location of all public access facilities and pump-out devices.

- iv. Garbage or litter receptacles, including provisions for recycling waste shall be provided and maintained by the marina operator at several locations convenient to users.
- e. Additional standards for marinas.
  - i. The dock facilities shall be equipped with adequate lifesaving equipment such as life rings, hooks and ropes.
  - ii. Adequate fire protection shall be required pursuant to the Washington State Uniform Fire Code.
  - iii. Swimming shall be prohibited within marina facilities unless the swimming area is adequately separated and protected.
  - iv. If dredging at marina entrances changes the littoral drift processes or adversely affects adjacent shores, the marina operator shall be required to replenish these shores periodically with the appropriate quantity and quality of aggregate, subject to applicable permits and with written approval of the director or designee.
  - v. Marina facilities permitted under this program shall provide upland restrooms available twenty-four hours a day for use by any patron of the marina facility. At a minimum, the facilities shall include one urinal, one toilet, and one washbasin for men and two toilets and two washbasins for women. The need for additional facilities shall be determined based on the number of slips, percentage of live-a-board moorages, and the number of transient moorage slips within the marina.
  - vi. All pipes, plumbing, wires and cables at a marina site shall be placed at or below ground and dock levels.
  - vii. Marinas are permitted to moor live-a-board vessels provided the marina meets the following conditions:
    - (A) The slips assigned to live-aboards are designed and constructed to handle the anticipated moorage loads of live-a-board vessels;
    - (B) Sewer hook-ups for live-a-board vessels or upland bathroom facilities to adequately accommodate the number of live-aboards within the facility;
    - (C) No more than ten percent of the surface area of the marina or ten percent of the slips, whichever is less, is devoted to live-a-board vessels;
    - (D) In addition to required marina parking, two parking stalls are to be provided for each live-a-board vessel;
    - (E) If pets are to be allowed, a pet exercise area shall be provided. Marina operators are encouraged to provide such pet exercise areas for pets of live-a-board residences and transient boaters; and
    - (F) Marina operators execute a lease, contract or deed which establishes permission to use a particular slip for a stated period of time and which establishes conditions for use of the slip such as adherence to marina best management practices, and including the requirement that all boats meet applicable state or federal water quality and sanitation requirements.

**22.600.130 Commercial development.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where commercial development is proposed in the following upland or aquatic designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply:

- 1. Natural: prohibited.

2. Urban conservancy, rural conservancy, shoreline residential and high intensity:

- a. SDP for water-oriented commercial activities;
- b. Prohibited for non-water-oriented uses, except CUP for uses described in subsection (B)(8) of this section.

3. Aquatic: prohibited, unless the activity is water-dependent or a necessary appurtenance to a use allowed in the adjoining upland designation, then a CUP.

B. Development Standards.

1. Commercial development shall result in no net loss of shoreline ecological functions or have significant adverse impact to other shoreline uses, resources and values provided for in RCW 90.58.020, such as navigation, recreation and public access.

2. Commercial developments shall be permitted on the shoreline in descending order of preference. The applicant shall demonstrate that a more preferred use is not feasible when proposing a less preferred use.

- a. Water-dependent uses;
- b. Water-related uses;
- c. Water-enjoyment uses;
- d. Non-water-oriented uses that include substantial opportunities for public access and subject to a CUP.

3. Commercial development shall not significantly impact views from upland properties, public roads, or from the water.

4. The design and scale of a commercial development shall be compatible with the shoreline environment. The following criteria will be used to assess compatibility:

- a. Building materials.
- b. Site coverage.
- c. Height.
- d. Density.
- e. Lighting, signage, and landscaping.
- f. Public access.
- g. Visual assessment.

5. The county shall consider public access and ecological restoration as potential mitigation of impacts to shoreline resources and values for all water-related or water-dependent commercial development, unless such improvements are demonstrated to be infeasible or inappropriate. Public access shall be provided consistent with Section 22.400.145. In-kind mitigation shall be determined infeasible prior to utilizing out-of-kind mitigation.

6. Non-water-dependent commercial uses shall not be allowed over water except in existing structures or in the limited instances where they are auxiliary to and necessary in support of water-dependent uses.

7. Parking shall be located upland of the commercial use and designed to minimize adverse visual impacts to the shoreline. Over-water parking is prohibited.
8. Non-water-oriented commercial uses are prohibited unless:
  - a. The use is on land designated commercial by the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan and existing on the effective date of this program;
  - b. The use is on land designated commercial by the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan and is physically separated from the shoreline by a another property or public right-of-way;
  - c. The use is part of a mixed-use project that includes water-dependent uses and provides a significant public benefit with respect to the Act's objectives, such as providing ecological restoration and public access. Water-dependent components of the project and ecological restoration and access shall be improved prior to occupancy;
  - d. The use is on a site where navigability is severely limited and the use would provide a significant public benefit with respect to the Act's objectives, such as providing public access and ecological restoration.

Non-water-oriented commercial uses meeting these criteria must obtain a CUP.

C. Redevelopment.

1. When commercial redevelopment involves relocating or expanding the existing structure, shoreline restoration or mitigation shall be a condition of approval (see Chapter 22.800, Appendix B). Restoration may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Moving the structure away from the shoreline;
  - b. Removing any shoreline armoring or replacing hard with soft armoring;
  - c. Riparian vegetation restoration, including removing invasive and planting natives;
  - d. Stormwater retrofits to implement low impact development.
2. When commercial redevelopment involves relocating or expanding the structure, public access shall be a condition of approval, unless infeasible due to health or safety issues. Public access may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Maintaining current public access, if existing;
  - b. Connecting a trail to existing public access on adjacent property;
  - c. Providing for visual access to the shoreline.

**22.600.135 Dredging and dredge disposal.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where dredging is proposed in the following upland designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply. Where proposed in the adjacent aquatic designation, the corresponding upland designation shall be used to determine permit requirements.

1. Natural: prohibited, unless for purposes of ecological restoration (as defined in this section), then with a CUP.
2. High intensity, shoreline residential, urban conservancy and rural conservancy: CUP, unless for purposes of ecological restoration (as defined in this section), then with an SDP.

3. All designations: Dredging waterward of the OHWM for the primary purpose of obtaining fill material shall not be permitted, except as allowed under subsection (C)(5) of this section.

B. Application Requirements. In addition to the general permit requirements, applications for dredging shall include the following information:

1. An analysis of materials to be dredged, including a habitat survey (Section 22.700.145) and sediment analysis;
2. Time of dredging;
3. Method of dredging and disposal, including a description of water quality best management practices;
4. Location and stability of bedlands adjacent to proposed dredging area;
5. Location, size, capacity and physical characteristics of spoils disposal area;
6. Quantity of material to be removed;
7. An explanation of why the dredging is necessary.

C. Development Standards.

1. Dredging and dredge material disposal shall only be allowed when the purpose is consistent with those listed in WAC 173-26-231(3)(f), and conducted in a manner which avoids and minimizes significant ecological impacts. Impacts which cannot be avoided and minimized shall be mitigated in a manner that assures no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

2. Dredging for the purpose of establishing, expanding, relocating or reconfiguring navigation channels and basins shall be allowed when necessary for assuring safe and efficient accommodation of existing navigational uses and then only when significant ecological impacts are minimized and when mitigation is provided.

3. Dredging for the purpose of ecological restoration may be allowed when the project is primarily serving to restore degraded ecological functions or ecosystem-wide processes.

4. Maintenance dredging of established navigation channels and basins shall be restricted to maintaining previously dredged and/or existing authorized location, depth, and width. Such activities shall be exempt from an SDP or CUP when compliant with the criteria for normal maintenance or repair (Section 22.500.100(C)(3)(b)).

5. Dredging waterward of the OHWM for the primary purpose of obtaining fill material shall not be allowed, except when the material is necessary for a project to restore ecological functions waterward of the OHWM. Such project shall either be associated with a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) habitat restoration project, or, if approved through a CUP, a significant habitat enhancement project.

6. Deposition of dredge material below ordinary high water shall be allowed only at those Puget Sound dredge disposal sites approved by the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington Department of Ecology, and Washington Department of Natural Resources.

7. Disposal of dredge material on shorelands or wetlands within a river's or stream's channel migration zone shall not occur, except as authorized by CUP as a part of a shoreline restoration project.

8. Disposal of contaminated dredge materials, not suitable for open water disposal, and otherwise regulated by Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act, shall occur only at permitted solid waste or dangerous waste disposal facilities.

**22.600.140 Fill.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where fill is proposed in the following upland designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply. Where proposed in the adjacent aquatic designation, the corresponding upland designation shall be used to determine permit requirements.

1. Natural: prohibited, except for restoration purposes as noted below;
2. High intensity, shoreline residential, urban conservancy, rural conservancy:
  - a. CUP for fill waterward of the OHWM for any use except ecological restoration.
  - b. SDP for fill landward of the OHWM.
3. All designations: SDP if for ecological restoration where restoration is the primary purpose for the activity.
4. All designations: fill quantity in excess of one hundred fifty cubic yards shall also require a site development activity permit pursuant to Title 12 ~~as now or hereafter amended~~. In addition, any amount of fill activity on slopes steeper than thirty percent, or within the mandatory setback of a steep slope, wetland, stream, lake or Puget Sound, may require a SDAP.

B. Application Requirements. In addition to general permit requirements, applications for fill shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. Physical, chemical, and biological character of fill materials;
2. Source of fill material;
3. Method of placement and compaction;
4. Type of proposed surfacing and stormwater control devices;
5. Method of perimeter erosion control;
6. Proposed use of fill area;
7. Location of fill relative to natural and/or existing drainage patterns.

C. Development Standards.

1. Fill materials shall be sand, gravel, soil, rock or similar material. Use of polluted dredge spoils or other solid or dangerous wastes as defined by the Kitsap public health district is prohibited.
2. Fill within shoreline jurisdiction shall be avoided to the extent feasible. Where necessary, fill in shoreline jurisdiction shall be located, designed, and constructed to protect shoreline ecological functions and ecosystem-wide processes, including channel migration.
3. Erosion control measures shall be implemented pursuant to Title 12 (Storm Water Drainage).
4. Fill shall be designed and reviewed for avoidance of water quality impacts in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.
5. Fill shall only be allowed for:
  - a. Water-dependent uses;
  - b. Public access;



- c. Cleanup and disposal of contaminated sediments as part of an interagency environmental cleanup plan;
  - d. Mitigation action;
  - e. Environmental restoration;
  - f. Beach nourishment or enhancement projects;
  - g. The expansion or alteration of existing transportation facilities of statewide importance located along the shoreline, and only upon demonstration that alternatives to fill are not feasible.
6. Fill shall not be used to create land to serve residential development.
  7. Fill shall not be used to create land to serve non-water-dependent commercial development.
  8. If archaeological resources are uncovered during excavation, developers and property owners must immediately stop work and notify Kitsap County, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and affected Indian tribes. Permits may be conditioned after review by a professional archaeologist, pursuant to MOUKC-442-07.

**22.600.145 Forest practices/timber harvest.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Forest practices conducted under a forest practices permit (Class I, II, III and IV special) from the Washington Department of Natural Resources shall not be regulated by this program and shall not require a local shoreline permit. However, forest practice conversions and other Class IV general forest practices where there is a likelihood of conversion to nonforest uses, and timber harvest within shorelines of statewide significance, shall be regulated by this program. A forest practice that only involves timber harvesting accompanied by replanting is not a development under the Act and does not require a shoreline substantial development permit or shoreline exemption. However, a forest practice that includes activities other than timber cutting, such as new or reopened rights-of-ways, grading, culvert installation, or stream crossings, or similar development activities may be considered development. Therefore these activities will require a substantial development permit per WAC 222-50-020. Where such forest practices are proposed in the following designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply:

1. Natural: CUP.
2. Rural conservancy: SDP.
3. Urban conservancy, shoreline residential, high intensity:
  - a. Prohibited for commercial forestry;
  - b. SDP for Class IV general permit.
4. All designations: CUP for exceptions to shorelines of statewide significance standards in subsection (C)(4) of this section.

B. Application Requirements. In addition to the general permit requirements of this program, a Kitsap County timber harvest permit (Class IV general, Class III conversion option harvest plan, and timber harvest within shorelines of statewide significance) shall be required. This includes all other application requirements as outlined in Chapter 18.16 (Timber Harvest).

C. Development Standards.

1. Forest practices within shoreline jurisdiction shall comply with the requirements of the Forest Practices Act (Chapter 76.09 RCW) and the Forest and Fish Report (United States Fish and Wildlife Service et al., 1999). The following standards shall apply to those activities subject to this program, including forest practices

conducted under a Class IV general forest practice permit or Class III forest practices conversion option harvest plan, and timber harvest activities conducted within shorelines of statewide significance.

2. Timber harvest permit activity shall assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions and shall maintain ecological quality of the watershed's hydrologic system.
3. Timber harvest permit activity in all shoreline areas shall comply with the policies and regulations outlined in this program, Chapter 18.16 (Timber Harvest) and Title 12 (Storm Water Drainage) for silt and erosion control.
4. With respect to timber situated within the shoreline jurisdiction for shorelines of statewide significance, only selective commercial timber cutting shall be allowed; provided, that no more than thirty percent of the merchantable trees may be harvested in any ten-year period of time; further provided, that:
  - a. Other timber harvesting methods may be permitted in those limited instances where the topography, soil conditions or silviculture practices necessary for regeneration render selective logging ecologically detrimental; and
  - b. Clear cutting may occur when timber harvest is solely incidental to the preparation of land for other uses authorized by this chapter.
5. Exceptions to the standards provided in RCW 90.58.150 as stated in subsection (C)(4) of this section shall require a CUP.
6. Failure to apply for a local timber harvest permit, when required, will result in a six-year moratorium on any subsequent development proposals on the subject parcel.
7. When timberland is to be converted to another use, such conversion shall be clearly indicated on the forest practices application. Such failure to declare intent to convert on the application shall provide grounds for the denial of subsequent development proposals for a period of six years from the date of the forest practices application approval (RCW 76.09.060(3)(d)).
8. Timber harvest activities subject to this program shall not be permitted until local plat approval or other applicable land use authorization has been given, and any required shoreline permits have been issued for the land division(s) or intended use(s) where applicable. Class III conversion option harvest plans shall be exempt from this provision.
9. Hazard or View Tree Removal. Where a threat to human life or property is demonstrated, or where view thinning is allowed in accordance with the vegetation conservation buffer standards in Section 22.400.120, the department may allow removal of hazard or view trees within shoreline jurisdiction. Requests for tree removal shall be reviewed by the department in accordance with the following criteria:
  - a. For hazard trees, tree removal shall be the minimum necessary to balance protection of the critical area or shoreline buffer with protection of life and property. For view trees, tree removal shall be the minimum necessary in accordance with the vegetation conservation buffer standards of Section 22.400.120;
  - b. The critical area or shoreline buffer shall be replanted as determined by the department and the property owner. Except where determined otherwise, a replanting ratio of three-to-one (planted-to-removed) shall be a standard requirement;
  - c. The department shall coordinate with the property owner and WDFW as determined necessary to assure habitat protection. Habitat needs may require leaving the fallen tree within the buffer area or leaving a high stump for wildlife habitat;

- d. The department may require the applicant to consult with a professional forester or a certified arborist prior to tree removal;
- e. The department may require a site visit to review the proposal, subject to applicable fee requirements in the Kitsap County fee schedule.

**22.600.150 Industrial development.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where industrial development is proposed in the following designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply:

1. Natural and rural conservancy: prohibited.
2. Urban conservancy and shoreline residential: CUP for water-oriented industries. Non-water-oriented industrial development shall be prohibited.
3. High intensity: SDP for water-oriented industries. Non-water-oriented industrial development shall be prohibited, except as specified in subsection (B) of this section.
4. Aquatic: prohibited, unless water-dependent or allowed in the adjoining upland designation, then a CUP.

B. Development Standards.

1. When allowed, industrial development shall be located, designed and constructed in a manner that assures no net loss of shoreline ecological functions, resources and values.
2. Water-dependent, water-related, and non-water-oriented industrial uses are permitted where allowed by zoning and this program. The following preferential order shall be considered by the county when evaluating SMP amendments and determining compliance of shoreline permits:
  - a. The industrial use is water-dependent, consistent with the Act and this program. The county may require an applicant to provide documentation about the characteristics of the development to confirm the proposal's water-dependent nature.
  - b. The industrial use is water-related, consistent with the Act and this program. The county may require an applicant to provide documentation about the characteristics of the development to confirm the proposal's water-related nature.
  - c. The industrial use is non-water-oriented and consistent with the exceptions and conditions in subsection (B)(3) of this section.
3. Non-water-oriented industrial development shall be prohibited in shoreline jurisdiction except when:
  - a. The use is part of a mixed-use project that includes water-dependent uses and provides a significant public benefit with respect to the Act's objectives such as providing ecological restoration and public access. Any such public access shall be improved prior to occupancy;
  - b. Navigability is severely limited at the proposed site; and the industrial use provides a significant public benefit with respect to the Act's objectives, such as providing public access and ecological restoration;
  - c. The area is designated for industrial use by the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan and the site is physically separated from the shoreline by a other property or public right-of-way.
4. Industrial development must consider incorporating public access as mitigation for impacts to shoreline resources and values unless public access cannot be provided in a manner that does not result in significant interference with operations or hazards to life or property.

5. Where industrial use is proposed for location on land in public ownership, public access shall be required.
6. Industrial development and redevelopment shall locate, when feasible, where environmental cleanup and restoration of the shoreline area can be incorporated.
7. Where industrial uses are allowed, Chapter 17.410 (Allowed Uses) shall apply to new or expanded industrial development.
8. Buffers shall not be used for storage of industrial equipment or materials, nor for waste disposal, but may be used for outdoor recreation if consistent with public access and other provisions of this program.
9. Applications for water-oriented facilities for processing, manufacturing, and storage of natural resource products, including log storage, shall include provisions which address:
  - a. Navigation;
  - b. No net loss of shoreline ecological functions;
  - c. Impacts to public access;
  - d. Aesthetics.
10. Boat yards and similar ship-building facilities shall comply with the mandatory best management practices and other provisions of the boatyard general permit issued through Ecology (NPDES General Permit No. WAG 030000) as now or hereafter amended.

**22.600.155 Mining.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where mining is proposed in the following designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply:

1. Natural: prohibited.
2. Rural conservancy: CUP.
3. Urban conservancy and shoreline residential: prohibited.
4. High intensity: CUP.
5. Aquatic: prohibited.

B. Development Standards.

1. Mining and associated activities shall only be allowed when all of the following criteria have been met:
  - a. The location, design and conduct is consistent with the environment designation and with the Kitsap County mineral resource overlay;
  - b. Demonstrated consistency with critical areas regulations;
  - c. The activity is dependent on a shoreline location;
  - d. The activity demonstrates no net loss of shoreline ecological functions through avoidance, minimization and mitigation of adverse impacts during the course of mining and reclamation.
2. All of the provisions and requirements for mining in Chapter 78.44 RCW (Surface Mining), as now or hereafter amended, shall be met.

3. Any proposed subsequent use of mined property shall be consistent with the provisions of the environment designation in which the property is located.
4. Reclamation of disturbed shoreline areas shall be required to provide appropriate ecological functions consistent with the setting.
5. Mining proposals shall give consideration to activities that result in the creation, restoration, or enhancement of habitat for priority species.
6. Mining shall be prohibited waterward of the OHWM and within a channel migration zone.
7. The deposit of overburden within shorelines constitutes fill and shall be subject to the provisions of this program.

**22.600.160 Mooring structures and activities.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. When mooring structures are proposed in the aquatic designation and are adjacent to the following upland designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply:

1. Natural:
  - a. Prohibited for single use;
  - b. Prohibited for joint or public use, unless the adjoining upland is a public park, then up to two mooring buoys may be permitted with an SDP.
2. Rural conservancy, urban conservancy, shoreline residential, and high intensity: SDP.

B. Application Requirements. In addition to the general permit requirements, proposals for mooring structures shall include the following:

1. A staff consultation meeting with the department, state and federal agencies (where applicable), and tribes affected by proposals within their usual and accustomed grounds and stations shall be required prior to application for new piers and docks, pursuant to Chapter 22.500 (Permit Provisions, Review and Enforcement);
2. Description of the proposed structure, including size, location, design, and any other modification required by the project;
3. Ownership of tidelands, shorelands, and/or bedlands;
4. Proposed location of mooring structures relative to property lines and OHWM;
5. Location, width, height, and length of mooring structures on adjacent properties;
6. If for residential moorage, demonstration that existing facilities, including public moorage within ten driving miles of the applicant's parcel, are not adequate or feasible to accommodate the proposed moorage;
7. Demonstration that alternative types of moorage, including buoys, are not adequate or feasible;
8. For residential docks, written confirmation from each adjoining landowner indicating whether or not a joint-use mooring structure agreement will be entered into; and
9. Habitat surveys as described in Section 22.700.145 shall be required for mooring structures, with the exception of buoys, and shall be conducted according to WDFW, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers parameters, where applicable.

C. Development Standards.

1. General Development Standards.

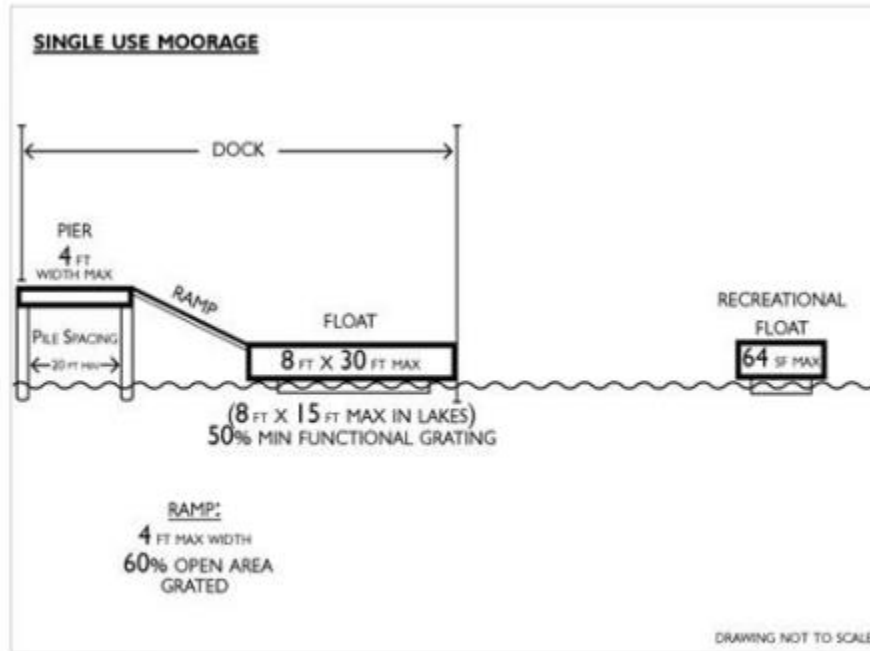
- a. New mooring structures shall be allowed only for water-dependent uses or public access. As used here, a dock associated with a single-family residence is a water-dependent use and may be permitted; provided, that it is designed and intended as a facility for access to watercraft and otherwise complies with the provisions of the Act and this program.
- b. Water-related and water-enjoyment uses may be allowed as part of mixed-use development on over-water structures where they are clearly auxiliary to and in support of water-dependent uses, provided the minimum size requirement needed to meet the water-dependent use is not violated.
- c. Mooring structures shall follow all applicable state and federal requirements for building standards, materials, installation timing, and surveys.
- d. Mooring structures shall only be allowed in critical saltwater and freshwater habitats when the standards provided in this section for such habitats are met.
- e. Over-water structures shall be constructed to the minimum size necessary to meet the needs of the proposed water-dependent use, including single-family residences, provided the additional development standards of this chapter are met.
- f. Buoys shall be preferred over piers, docks or floats. Applicants shall demonstrate that a buoy is not a feasible option prior to proposing a less preferred option.
- g. Single-use mooring structures, with the exception of buoys, shall be prohibited except where it can be demonstrated that a joint use facility is not feasible.
- h. Proposed moorage structures for new residential development of two or more dwellings shall be limited to a single, joint-use community facility except where demonstrated to be infeasible, with no more than one moorage space per dwelling unit or lot. If shared moorage is provided, the applicant/proponent shall file a legally enforceable joint use agreement or other legal instrument at the time of plat recordation.
- i. Except when accessory to single-family residences, any new pier or dock construction may only be permitted if the applicant has demonstrated that a specific need exists to support the intended water-dependent use. This may include justification through port or county comprehensive plans.
- j. Mooring structures shall be readily discernible under normal daylight conditions to the unaided eye at a minimum distance of one hundred yards and must be marked for night-time visibility.
- k. No creosote, chromate copper arsenate, or pentachlorophenol treated wood, or other comparably toxic compounds, shall be used as part of the decking, pilings, or other components of any in-water structures such as docks, piers, and floats. These types of treated wood shall only be used for a above-water structural framing.
- l. During maintenance, existing deteriorated treated wood shall be replaced with alternative materials such as untreated wood, steel, concrete, or recycled plastic, or encased in a manner that prevents metals, hydrocarbons and other toxins from leaching out. If maintenance activities exceed fifty percent repair or replacement of the existing structure, then the application requirements in subsection (B) of this section shall apply.
- m. Tires are prohibited as part of a above- and below-water structures or where tires could potentially come in contact with the water.
- n. During maintenance or repair of a pier, dock or ramp, existing tires used for flotation shall be replaced with inert or encapsulated materials such as plastic or encased foam. Likewise, any unencapsulated foam material must be removed or replaced.

- o. To prevent scouring of the substrate, power-assisted pressure washing or cleaning of equipment, machinery, or structures in water less than seven feet deep shall be prohibited. In addition, equipment that contains or is covered with petroleum based products should not be pressure washed in or over the water.
  - p. New covered moorage, over-water boat houses, side walls or barrier curtains associated with single-family residential moorage are prohibited. When covered moorage and covered watercraft lifts are replaced, the replacement structures should use transparent roofing materials that are rated by the manufacturer as having ninety percent or better light transmittance.
  - q. New structures shall be designed and located so no new bulkheading or armoring of the shoreline is necessary.
  - r. Functional grating resulting in a total open area of a minimum of twenty-four percent must be installed on piers which are new or replacement greater than fifty percent. This can be achieved by installing grating with sixty percent open area on at least forty percent of the pier or by grating a larger percentage of the pier with grating with openings of less than sixty percent. Exceptions to these standards may be permitted where need is demonstrated and when approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
  - s. Grating must not be covered, on the surface or underneath, with any stored items and must be kept clean of algae, mud or other debris that may impede light transmission.
  - t. All mooring facilities shall be designed and constructed to a void, or where a voidance is not feasible, to minimize and mitigate impacts to achieve no net loss of ecological functions, including functions associated with critical saltwater habitats and species, such as eelgrass beds, and fish habitats and processes such as currents and littoral drift.
  - u. Proposed moorage facilities should be evaluated to ensure that the project does not conflict with existing water dependent uses.
2. Critical Saltwater Habitats Standards.
- a. Except for private, noncommercial mooring facilities for individual or community use, all mooring structures may only be permitted if the applicant can clearly demonstrate the public's need for the structure, the structure is consistent with the public trust protections in RCW 90.58.020, and the structure is consistent with the state's interest in resource protection and species recovery.
  - b. Where existing covered moorage, covered watercraft lifts, and boathouses associated with single-family residences occur within critical saltwater habitats, the structure shall be removed by the end of the life of the structure, or relocated to a void critical saltwater habitats at the time of greater than fifty percent replacement, except where demonstrated to be infeasible.
  - c. New or expanded mooring structures shall be located the greater or most protective of:
    - i. A horizontal distance of twenty-five feet from the outside edge of the structure to native aquatic vegetation attached to or rooted in substrate;
    - ii. A horizontal distance equal to the maximum distance shade will be cast by the structure and vessel;
    - iii. A four-foot vertical distance from eelgrass or relevant submerged aquatic vegetation;
    - iv. A distance the diameter of the turning circle, if the structure is to be utilized for motorized vessels. The turning circle is defined as three and one-half times the length of the longest vessel to use the structure;
    - v. Alternative measures that demonstrate no net loss of ecological functions.

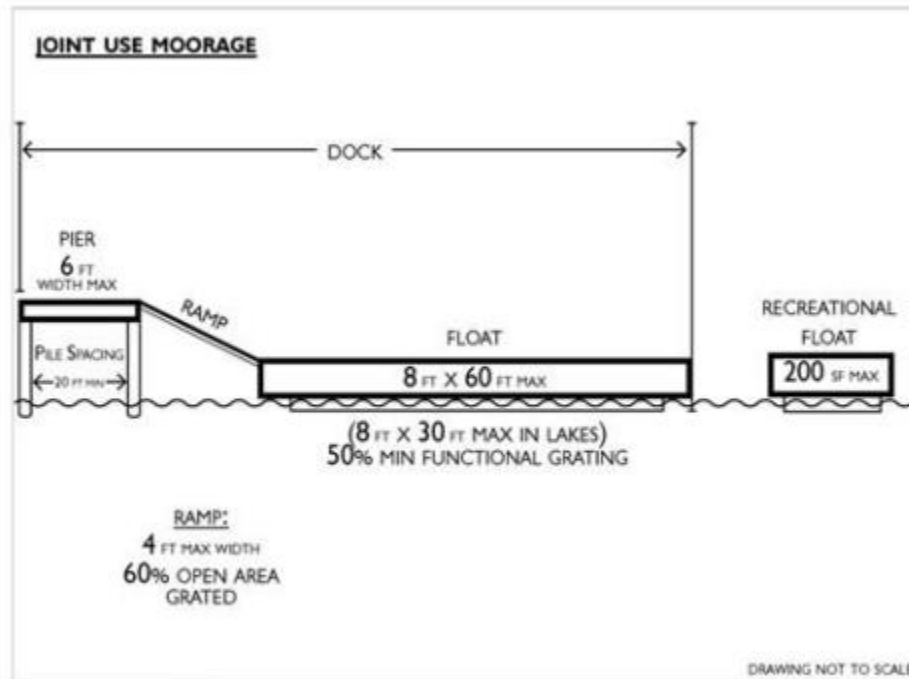
- d. In areas that have not been documented as spawning sites, but contain characteristics that would support forage fish spawning, a habitat survey shall be conducted over a two-year period throughout the assumed local spawning season. If the proponent is unwilling to bear the time and expense of such a survey, the project must be designed and operated under the presumption that forage fish spawning does occur at the site, pursuant to WDFW standards.
  - e. For sites adjacent to sand lance and surf smelt spawning areas, all in-water work that has the potential to increase suspended sediments in the spawning area during the spawning period shall require at least two feet vertical separation from the tidal elevation of the spawning bed, or a setback of one hundred eighty feet horizontal distance from the lower edge of the spawning habitat zone. In-water work should occur during an outgoing tide when the water line is below the lower edge of a surf smelt/sand lance spawning habitat zone (five to six feet MLLW).
3. Pilings.
- a. New or replacement pilings may be made of steel, concrete, plastic, untreated wood or treated wood where approved for the marine or freshwater environment, except creosote and similar products.
  - b. New pilings must be spaced no less than twenty feet apart lengthwise. Replacement pilings must be spaced no less than twenty feet apart lengthwise when installed to support a replacement structure. If the new or replaced structure is less than twenty feet in length, pilings may be allowed at the ends of the structure only. In areas with forage fish spawning or rearing and submerged aquatic vegetation, when allowed, pilings must be spaced forty feet apart lengthwise.
  - c. A maximum of two moorage pilings beyond or parallel to a mooring structure may be allowed to accommodate moorage of boats exceeding the length of the mooring structure or to provide supplementary tie-down locations for boats that require additional stabilization.
  - d. New or replacement pilings shall be driven only during construction windows approved by WDFW. These include protection for spawning periods and periods of presence of juvenile salmonids, forage fish and ground fish.
4. Piers.
- a. Single-use piers may not exceed four feet in width (six feet if wheelchair access is needed), and joint-use piers may not exceed six feet in width, unless otherwise approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, if applicable to the proposal. See Figures 22.600.160(1) and 22.600.160(2) for illustration of single-use and joint-use moorage requirements.
  - b. In no case shall piers and their associated ramps and floats extend greater than fifteen percent of the perpendicular shore-to-shore distance across a water body, except where a navigational study has been submitted for county review and approval. The navigational study shall analyze impacts to local recreational use, and recommend mitigation measures to minimize such impacts.
  - c. Piers shall have a north-south orientation to the maximum extent feasible. For every ten degrees difference from this orientation, the structure shall be two-thirds of one foot greater in height, to the extent which it does not create an aesthetic conflict.
  - d. New or replacement piers must be oriented in a straight line.
  - e. The construction of new covered structures on piers is prohibited. This does not include electrical utility boxes, or if such structure is an element of an approved marina, port or park plan.
  - f. The width of the ramp connecting the pier to shore or to a float must not exceed four feet in width (six feet if wheelchair access is needed). New and replacement ramps or gangways shall be fully grated



with sixty percent open area. Exceptions to these standards may be permitted where need is demonstrated and where approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



**Figure 22.600.160(1). Mooring structure and recreational float dimensional requirements for single-use facilities.**



**Figure 22.600.160(2). Mooring structure and recreational float dimensional requirements for joint-use facilities.**

5. Floats.

- a. All foam material whether used for flotation or for any other purpose must be encapsulated within a shell that prevents breakup or loss of the foam material into the water and is not readily subject to damage by ultra violet radiation or abrasion.
- b. Flotation shall not be installed under functional grating.
- c. Floats and watercraft shall not ground out at low tide and shall not be permitted to rest landward of MLLW.
- d. Floats shall be suspended at all times a minimum of one foot above the substrate. The preferred method is to suspend the float above the substrate by installing float stops on piling. The stops must be able to fully support the entire float during all tidal elevations. In some instances, stub pilings or float feet may be considered.
- e. Single-use floats attached to piers shall not exceed eight feet in width and thirty feet (fifteen feet for lakes) in length. Functional grating must be installed on at least fifty percent of the surface area. See Figures 22.600.160(1) and 22.600.160(2) for illustration of single-use and joint-use moorage requirements.
- f. Joint-use floats attached to piers shall not exceed eight feet in width and sixty feet (thirty feet for lakes) in length. Functional grating must be installed on at least fifty percent of the surface area. Exceptions to this standard may be permitted where need is demonstrated and where approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- g. Single-use recreational floats shall not exceed sixty-four square feet in size and joint-use recreational floats shall not exceed two hundred square feet in size. In either case, the float must have at least fifty



- b. No mooring structures shall be constructed within one hundred feet of the mouth of a river, stream or creek.

**22.600.165 Recreation and public access.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where recreational development is proposed in the following designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply.

1. Natural:
  - a. Prohibited for non-water-oriented recreational development;
  - b. SDP for nonmotorized, water-oriented recreational development; and
  - c. CUP for all other forms of recreation, except where demonstrated to be consistent with approved park plans prior to application, and then with an SDP.
2. Rural conservancy, urban conservancy, shoreline residential, high intensity: SDP.
3. Aquatic: The required permit type will be determined by the specific recreational development proposed as set forth in this chapter. For example, see Section 22.600.125, Boating facilities.

B. Application Requirements. In addition to the general permit requirements, a description of how the proposed use is water-oriented is required if applicable.

C. Development Standards.

1. Recreational development shall not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions or ecosystem-wide processes.
2. All recreational facilities shall be designed, located and operated in a manner consistent with the purpose of the environment designation in which they are located.
3. Water-oriented recreation may be allowed in shoreline buffers. The removal of on-site native vegetation shall be limited to the minimum necessary for the recreational development areas, such as picnic areas, campsites, selected views, or other permitted structures or facilities.
4. Preference shall be given to activities which are consistent with approved state and local park plans for water-oriented recreational development.
5. Non-water-oriented recreational facilities, such as golf courses, playing fields, and facilities with extensive impervious surfaces, shall observe critical area buffers and vegetation conservation standards (Sections 22.400.115 and 22.400.120, respectively).
6. Commercial recreational development shall be consistent with Section 22.600.130 (Commercial development).
7. Vehicular traffic is prohibited on beaches, bars, spits and streambeds, except for permitted construction and boat launching, or in areas where it can be demonstrated that a historical use has been established.
8. Public road-ends, tax-title lands and rights-of-way adjacent to shorelines of the state shall be preserved for public access, unless the property is zoned for industrial uses. Pursuant to RCW 36.87.130, as now or hereafter amended, vacation of such shall only occur if the purpose is to:
  - a. Enable any public authority to acquire the vacated property for port purposes, boat moorage or launching sites; or
  - b. Provide for park, viewpoint, recreational, educational or other public purpose.

9. Trail access shall be provided to link upland facilities to the beach area where feasible and where impacts to ecological functions can be mitigated.
10. When applicable, recreational development shall make adequate provisions for:
  - a. Vehicular parking and pedestrian access;
  - b. Proper wastewater and solid waste disposal methods;
  - c. Security and fire protection;
  - d. The prevention of overflow and trespass onto adjacent properties, including, but not limited to, landscaping, fencing, and posting of property;
  - e. Screening of such development from adjacent private property to prevent noise and light impacts.
11. Shoreline trails and pathways shall be located, designed, and constructed to protect bank stability.
12. As required by RCW 90.58.100(4), applications providing for wilderness beaches, ecological study areas, and recreational uses for the public on state-owned shorelines shall be considered a preferred use.
13. Public access sites shall be made barrier-free and accessible for physically disabled uses where feasible, and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**22.600.170 Residential development.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where residential development is proposed in the following designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply.

1. Natural:
    - a. CUP for primary single-family residences and subdivisions.
    - b. Prohibited for multifamily units and accessory dwelling units.
  2. Rural conservancy and urban conservancy:
    - a. Primary single-family residences are exempt pursuant to criteria in Section 22.500.100(C).
    - b. SDP if exemption criteria not met.
    - c. CUP for multifamily units, accessory dwelling units and subdivisions.
  3. Shoreline residential and high intensity:
    - a. Primary single-family residences are exempt pursuant to criteria in Section 22.500.100(C);
    - b. SDP if exemption criteria not met.
    - c. SDP for multifamily units, accessory dwelling units, and
    - d. SDP for land segregation where complete application includes development within shoreline jurisdiction. ~~SDP for subdivisions shall be required when any proposed lot(s) would be created within or partially within the shoreline jurisdiction and when the proposed lot(s) is/are undeveloped.~~
  4. Aquatic: prohibited.
- B. Development Standards.

1. All new residential development, including subdivision of land, shall be designed, configured and developed in a manner that ensures no net loss of shoreline ecological function.
2. All sewage disposal and water systems shall ~~comply~~ ~~be in compliance~~ with state and local health regulations including but not limited to Kitsap County board of health Ordinance 2008A-01 for on-site sewage requirements.
3. New and remodeled residential development and new subdivisions shall be designed, located and constructed so that structural improvements, including bluff walls and other stabilization structures, are not required to protect such structures and uses.
4. New over-water residences, including floating homes, are prohibited. Where such homes ~~exist as of the adoption date of this program, were permitted or legally established prior to January 1, 2011~~, they shall be reasonably accommodated to allow improvements associated with life safety matters, ~~and~~ property rights ~~and~~ considered a conforming use.
5. Stormwater quality and quantity measures for residential development must comply with current codes.
6. Flood hazard reduction measures for residential development shall comply with Chapter 19.500, as incorporated here by Section 22.400.115 (Critical areas), and Section 22.400.150 (Flood hazard reduction measures) of this program and shall be designed to prevent net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
7. New multi-unit residential development, including the subdivision of land for five or more parcels, shall provide for joint or community and/or public access, except where demonstrated to be infeasible due to any of the following:
  - a. Incompatible uses;
  - b. Safety;
  - c. Security;
  - d. Impact to the shoreline environment;
  - e. Constitutional or other legal limitations that may be applicable.
8. In cases where on-site access is infeasible, alternate methods of providing public access shall be considered, such as off-site improvements.
9. Lot area shall be calculated using only those lands landward of the OHWM.
10. Single-family residential uses are a priority use only when developed in a manner consistent with control of pollution and prevention of damage to the natural environment.

**22.600.175 Shoreline stabilization.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Based on the type of shoreline modification proposed, the identified permit requirements shall apply for all designations:

1. SDP for soft shoreline stabilization, unless otherwise exempt.
2. Administrative CUP for hard shoreline stabilization.
3. Administrative CUP for hybrid shoreline stabilization, unless the applicant can demonstrate the project meets the intent of soft shore as described in Ecology's Soft Shoreline Stabilization SMP Planning and Implementation Guidance (Ecology Publication No. 14-06-009).

4. Restoration and enhancement projects, including hybrid projects requiring hard shoreline stabilization to accommodate transition to adjacent properties, that are authorized in writing by both the Shore Friendly Kitsap program and by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall require an SDP, unless otherwise exempt.

B. Exemptions from Substantial Development Permit for Shoreline Stabilization.

1. The construction of a normal protective bulkhead common to single-family residences shall not require an SDP if it meets the exemption criteria listed in Section 22.500.100(C)(3)(c), or as further amended in WAC 173-27-040. ~~An exemption from an SDP is not an exemption from a CUP or an administrative CUP where applicable.~~

2. A “normal protective” bulkhead includes those structural and nonstructural developments installed at or near, and parallel to, the OHWM for the sole purpose of protecting an existing single-family residence and appurtenant structures from loss or damage by erosion.

3. A letter of permit exemption will be prepared for qualifying shoreline stabilization activities in accordance with Section 22.500.100(C)(4). The county shall track exemption activities in the permit system.

C. Application Requirements. In addition to the general application requirements, applications for shore protection and bluff stabilization shall include the following information, when applicable:

1. Upland, on-site improvements and any existing shoreline structures;
2. Type of proposed shore protection and a description of alternatives to hard approaches where proposed, and a thorough discussion of the environmental impacts of each alternative;
3. Habitat survey prepared by a qualified professional biologist that describes the anticipated effects of the project on fish and wildlife resources and marine vegetation;
4. A description of any proposed vegetation removal, and a plan to revegetate the site following construction;
5. Tidal elevations and field verified line of ordinary high water;
6. Ownership of the tidelands, shorelands and/or bedlands;
7. Purpose of shore protection;
8. Direction of net longshore drift (for marine shoreline);
9. Plan and profile of existing bank and beach;
10. Profile of adjacent existing bulkhead;
11. In addition to the general geotechnical report requirements in Section 22.700.120, the following information shall be included for shoreline stabilization proposals:
  - a. Address the need to prevent potential damage to a primary structure through the use of shoreline stabilization measures.
  - b. Estimate time frame and rates of erosion to report on the urgency associated with the specific situation. “Urgent” means:

- i. That the primary structure will be damaged within three years as a result of natural shoreline erosion in the absence of hard armoring structures; or
  - ii. Where waiting until the need is that immediate would foreclose the opportunity to use measures that avoid impacts on ecological functions.
- c. If the report determines that the need is not as immediate as three years, it still may be used to justify a more immediate authorization to protect against erosion using soft measures.
- d. The geotechnical analysis shall evaluate on-site drainage issues and address drainage problems away from the shoreline edge;

12. Any other information that may be required to demonstrate compliance with the review criteria referenced in this section and the guiding provisions at WAC 173-26-231(3)(a).

D. Development Standards.

1. General Regulations.

- a. These standards shall be guided by the provisions at WAC 173-26-231(3)(a).
- b. Applications for shore protection will be reviewed pursuant to comments made by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife pertaining to impacts on critical salt and freshwater habitats, and comments made by the Washington Department of Natural Resources for projects proposed on state-owned aquatic lands.
- c. Soft shoreline stabilization measures shall be utilized unless demonstrated through a geotechnical analysis not to be sufficient to protect primary structures, dwellings and businesses. Alternatives for shoreline stabilization shall be based on the following order of preference:
  - i. No action, increase building setbacks, or relocate structures;
  - ii. Soft shoreline stabilization constructed of natural materials including bioengineering, beach nourishment, protective berms, or vegetative stabilization;
  - iii. Hybrid shoreline stabilization, usually constructed of a mix of rock, logs and vegetation;
  - iv. Hard shoreline stabilization constructed of materials such as rock, riprap or concrete.
- d. Soft shoreline stabilization measures that provide restoration of shoreline ecological functions may be permitted seaward of the OHWM.
- e. Hybrid shoreline structural stabilization projects, with the exception of restoration and enhancement projects, composed of hard shoreline stabilization that cumulatively covers greater than 15 percent of the total shoreline length parallel to the OHWM shall comply with hard shoreline stabilization projects requirements in this section.
- f. When hard shoreline stabilization measures are demonstrated to be necessary, they must:
  - i. Limit the size of stabilization measures to the minimum necessary.
  - ii. Assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
  - iii. Ensure that publicly financed or subsidized shoreline erosion control measures do not restrict appropriate public access to the shoreline except where such access is determined to be infeasible because of incompatible uses, safety, security, or harm to ecological functions.



- iv. Where feasible, incorporate ecological restoration and public access improvements into the project.
  - ~~g.~~ Shoreline stabilization measures shall not be for the purpose of creating dry land. Leveling or extending property, creating or preserving residential lawns, yards or landscaping shall not be allowed except when otherwise allowed in this section due to health and safety.
  - ~~h.~~ Minimize disturbance pertaining to beach access by avoiding switchback trails which require hard stabilization. Where such avoidance is not feasible, mitigation for impacts to shoreline ecological functions shall be required.
  - ~~i.~~ Bluff stabilization walls shall be prohibited unless proven necessary through a geotechnical report.
  - ~~j.~~ Placement of shoreline stabilization methods shall follow the natural contour of the existing shoreline, be parallel to and at or above the OHWM.
  - ~~k.~~ Shoreline stabilization on marine feeder bluffs, when determined necessary pursuant to the standards of this section, may require additional mitigation measures, including those necessary to offset the loss of sediment supply.
  - ~~l.~~ Shoreline stabilization must be designed by a professional engineer licensed in the state of Washington with demonstrated experience in hydraulic activities of shorelines. Alternatively, soft shoreline stabilization may be designed by a habitat biologist or a professional with demonstrated expertise in designing soft shoreline stabilization structures.
  - ~~m.~~ Depending on the degree of hard or soft elements to the project, the department, WDFW, and/or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may require varying degrees of mitigation or other permit conditions.
  - ~~n.~~ Shoreline stabilization structures shall not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
  - ~~o.~~ Shoreline stabilization, as applied in this section, is generally distinguished from shoreline restoration activities. However, specific shoreline stabilization elements of restoration activities shall be guided by this section.
2. New and Expanded Shoreline Stabilization.
- a. If shoreline stabilization is necessary pursuant to a geotechnical analysis, the method, either hard or soft, shall not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions. To meet this requirement, on- and off-site mitigation measures may be required.
  - b. Shoreline stabilization structures shall not be constructed with waste materials such as demolition debris, derelict vessels, tires, concrete or any other materials which might have a diverse toxic or visual impacts on shoreline areas.
  - c. New structural stabilization measures shall not be allowed except when necessity is demonstrated in the following manner:
    - i. To protect legally existing primary structures:
      - (A) New or enlarged structural shoreline stabilization measures for the existing primary structure, including residences and their primary appurtenant structures or uses, shall not be allowed unless there is conclusive evidence, documented by a geotechnical analysis, that the lawfully established, primary structure is in imminent danger from shoreline erosion caused by tidal actions, currents, or waves;

- (B) Normal sloughing, erosion of steep bluffs, or shoreline erosion itself, without a scientific or geotechnical analysis, is not demonstration of need;
  - ii. In support of water-dependent development when all of the following apply:
    - (A) The erosion is not being caused by upland conditions, such as the loss of vegetation and drainage;
    - (B) Nonstructural measures, planting vegetation, or installing on-site drainage improvements is not feasible or not sufficient;
    - (C) The need to protect primary structures from damage due to erosion is demonstrated through a geotechnical report;
  - iii. In support of new non-water-dependent development, including single-family residences, when all of the following apply:
    - (A) The erosion is not being caused by upland conditions, such as the loss of vegetation and drainage;
    - (B) Nonstructural measures, such as placing the development further from the shoreline, planting vegetation, or installing on-site drainage improvements, are not feasible or not sufficient;
    - (C) The need to protect the primary structures from damage due to erosion is demonstrated through a geotechnical report. The damage must be caused by natural processes, such as tidal action, currents and waves;
  - iv. To protect projects for the restoration of ecological functions or hazardous substance remediation projects pursuant to Chapter 70.105 DRCW when nonstructural measures, planting vegetation, or installing on-site drainage improvements is not feasible or sufficient.
- 3. Replacement and Repair of Existing Shoreline Stabilization and Armoring.
  - a. Additions to or increases in the size of existing shoreline stabilization measures shall be considered new structures.
  - b. An existing stabilization structure may be replaced with a similar structure if there is a demonstrated need, through a geotechnical report, to protect principal uses or structures from erosion caused by currents, tidal action or waves.
  - c. If the OHWM has been re-established, the replacement structure must be located at or near the new OHWM. In general, replacement of the shoreline stabilization structure within one year of damage will ensure recognition of the previous OHWM.
  - d. Alternative or soft stabilization approaches shall be considered prior to in-kind replacement.
  - e. The replacement structure shall:
    - i. Be designed, located, sized and constructed to assure no net loss of ecological functions.
    - ii. Perform the same stabilization function of the existing structure and does not require additions to or increases in size.
    - iii. Not encroach waterward of the OHWM or existing structure unless the residence was occupied prior to January 1, 1992, and there are overriding safety or environmental concerns. In such cases, the replacement structure shall abut the existing shoreline stabilization structure.

- f. When possible or as an element of mitigation sequencing, failing, harmful, unnecessary, or ineffective structures should be removed, and shoreline ecological functions and processes should be restored using nonstructural or soft and/or long-term stabilization measures.
4. Shore Stabilization on Streams.
    - a. Hard shoreline stabilization methods are prohibited in jurisdictional shoreline streams on estuarine shores, in wetlands, and in salmon spawning areas, except for the purpose of fish or wildlife habitat enhancement or restoration, or when deemed necessary through a geotechnical report to protect an existing primary structure.
    - b. All revetments or similar structures shall be designed in accordance with WDFW Integrated Streambank Protection Guidelines.
  5. Use of shoreline armoring to protect a platted lot where no primary use or structure presently exists shall be prohibited.

**22.600.180 Transportation.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where transportation is proposed in the following designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply. Note: New trail construction shall be regulated under applicable recreation and public access (Section 22.600.165) provisions.

1. Natural: prohibited, except to serve essential transportation corridors or in support of permitted uses and activities, and then with a CUP.
2. Rural conservancy and urban conservancy: ~~a CUP is required, except an SDP shall be required for development unless the proposal is necessary to protect existing public roads within existing rights of way.~~
3. Shoreline residential and high intensity: SDP.

B. Development Standards.

1. New transportation facilities and maintenance of existing transportation facilities shall be carried out in a manner that will: (a) avoid a net loss of shoreline ecological functions, and (b) result in a net improvement in ecological functions where feasible and appropriate. Unavoidable adverse impacts shall be mitigated.
2. Parking facilities shall only be allowed when:
  - a. Necessary to support an authorized use; and
  - b. No net loss of ecological functions can be demonstrated; and
  - c. Visual impacts are minimized.
3. New or expanded transportation routes in the shoreline jurisdiction, including associated wetlands, shall to the greatest extent feasible:
  - a. Be located in areas that do not require shoreline stabilization, dredging, extensive cut/fill and other forms of shoreline alteration;
  - b. Be limited to local access and public shoreline access routes;
  - c. Be located in existing rights-of-way and corridors; and/or
  - d. Not be built within shoreline jurisdiction when reasonable or practicable alternative exist.

4. Provision shall be made for sufficient view points, rest areas, and picnic areas in public shorelines, where feasible. In addition, bike paths and walking paths shall be incorporated into road designs.
5. All proposed road, bridge or railroad crossings shall be designed to cross at the shortest, most direct route, except where such design would result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions or is prohibited by topography.
6. Bridge approach fill shall not encroach in the floodway of any stream or river.
7. All public bridges shall include sidewalks for pedestrian use if sidewalks exist or are planned for connecting roadways.
8. All bridges and culverts shall be large enough to pass the one-hundred-year flood waters with consideration for debris flow likely to be encountered, or designed to the standards of the WDFW Aquatic Habitat Guidelines.
9. All bridges intended for use by motorized vehicles shall be designed for emergency vehicle weight loads.
10. Roads and bridges located in wetland areas shall be designed and maintained to prevent erosion and to permit the natural movement of groundwater to the greatest extent feasible.
11. Transit Facilities. To the extent feasible, transit facilities such as bus stops and shelters shall be located and designed consistent with subsection (B)(3) of this section. Park and ride facilities shall meet the standards of this subsection (B). All other performance standards of this subsection (B) shall apply.
12. Public Transit – Ferries. See Section 22.600.125 (Boating facilities).

**22.600.185 Utilities.**

A. Environment Designations Permit Requirements. Where utilities are proposed in the following designations, the identified permit requirements shall apply.

1. Natural: prohibited, except to serve essential utility corridors or in support of permitted uses and activities, and then with a CUP. Utilities associated with single-family residences are exempt.
2. Rural conservancy, urban conservancy, shoreline residential, high intensity: SDP. Utilities associated with single-family residences are exempt.
3. Aquatic: CUP.

B. Application Requirements. All applications for utility facilities shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Reason why facility must be located in the shoreline jurisdiction;
2. Alternative locations considered and reasons for their rejection;
3. Location of other facilities near the proposed project and if the location is to include other types of facilities;
4. Proposed method of construction and plans to control erosion and turbidity during construction;
5. Plans for restoration of areas disturbed during construction;
6. Possibility of locating proposed facility within existing utility right-of-way; and
7. Geotechnical report when proposed in a geologically hazardous area.

C. Development Standards.

1. General Regulations.

- a. On-site utility features serving a primary use, such as a water, sewer or gas line to a residence, are accessory utilities and shall be considered a part of the primary use.
- b. All utility facilities shall be designed and located to assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions, preserve the natural landscape, and minimize conflicts with present and planned land and shoreline uses while meeting the needs of future populations in areas planned to accommodate growth per the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan.
- c. Non-water-oriented utility production and processing facilities shall not be allowed in shoreline jurisdiction unless it can be demonstrated that no other feasible option is available.
- d. Transmission facilities shall be located outside of the shoreline area where feasible. When located in the shoreline area, they must be constructed, designed and located to assure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.
- e. Utilities shall be located in existing rights-of-way and corridors whenever possible.
- f. New or expanded utility facilities shall be located in areas that do not require shoreline stabilization, dredging, extensive cut/fill and other forms of shoreline alteration to the greatest extent feasible.
- g. Maintenance of existing utilities shall be carried out in manner that will not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions, and any unavoidable adverse impacts shall be mitigated. This includes minimization of vegetation removal, and mitigation of any adversely affected area.
- h. Where feasible and consistent with shoreline ecological functions, new and replacement utility lines shall be underground.
- i. Development of pipelines and cables on tidelands and development of facilities that may require periodic maintenance that disrupts shoreline ecological functions should be prohibited unless no other feasible alternative exists. When allowed, the location, design and construction of such facilities shall not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions or significant impacts to the other shoreline resources and values.

2. Sewage Treatment Plants and Outfalls.

- a. Where allowed, sewage treatment plant outfalls shall be below the extreme low water mark and are permitted only where adequate natural water circulation can be provided.
- b. Sewage facilities shall be located within existing rights-of-way when feasible.
- c. To the maximum extent possible, sewage treatment plant outfalls shall be located where their effluent will not negatively impact commercial and recreational shellfish and other critical habitat and marine resource areas. Mitigation may be required for any adverse impacts to fisheries and wildlife resources, natural systems and sensitive areas.
- d. Discharge of untreated effluent over or into the shorelines of the county is prohibited.

## Chapter 22.700 SPECIAL REPORTS

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**22.700.100 Special reports – General.**

A. Special reports shall be submitted by the applicant and approved by the department for regulated uses when required by this program for the protection of shorelines.

B. The applicant shall pay for or reimburse the county for the costs incurred in the preparation of special reports or tests, and for the costs incurred by the county to engage technical consultants or staff for review and interpretation of data and findings submitted by or on behalf of the applicant. The applicant shall pay permit fees or technical assistance fees as required by the community development fee schedule, ~~as now or hereafter amended.~~

C. Any special report shall be prepared by a professional, as defined in Chapter 22.150 (Definitions), and shall include his or her resume, or other list of qualifications, to aid the department in assessing these qualifications.

D. The special reports described in Sections 22.700.105 through 22.700.145 may be required to provide environmental information and to present proposed strategies for maintaining, protecting and/or mitigating shoreline functions and conditions.

**22.700.105 Wetland delineation report.**

A. Minimum Wetland Delineation Report Contents.

1. Vicinity map;
2. When available, a copy of a National Wetland Inventory Map (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and/or a Kitsap County Wetland Inventory Map identifying the wetlands on or within two hundred fifty feet of the site;
3. A site map setting forth all of the following:
  - a. Surveyed wetland boundaries based upon a delineation by a wetlands specialist;
  - b. Site boundary property lines and roads;
  - c. Internal property lines, right-of-way, easements, etc.;
  - d. Existing physical features of the site including buildings, fences, and other structures, roads, parking lots, utilities, water bodies, etc.;
  - e. Contours at the smallest readily available intervals, preferably at two-foot intervals;
  - f. Hydrologic mapping showing patterns of surface water movement and known subsurface water movement into, through, and out of the site area;



- b. Agent/consultant.
  - c. Description of land use proposal.
  - d. Description of mitigation area.
  - e. Description of impact avoidance and minimization measures.
  - f. Description of unavoidable wetland impacts and mitigation measures:
    - i. Size (acres).
    - ii. Wetland classification.
    - iii. Hydrogeomorphic (HGM) classification.
    - iv. Wetland rating.
    - v. Functions.
    - vi. Compensation ratios used.
  - g. Explanation of other impacts to waters of the state.
  - h. Goals, objectives and monitoring period.
2. Project Description.
- a. Type of development (existing and proposed land uses).
  - b. Project size.
  - c. Implementation schedule.
  - d. Project location, maps.
  - e. Project summary.
3. Ecological Assessment of Impact.
- a. Impacts (acreage) and extent of disturbance to wetlands (wetland delineation).
  - b. Summary of historic and current on-site and nearby land uses (zoning designations).
  - c. Description of any known cultural resources on the site.
  - d. Description of the site in context of other wetlands/water bodies.
  - e. Description of the water regime.
  - f. Description of the soils.
  - g. Description of the plant communities.
  - h. Description of any fauna using the site.
  - i. Landscape position and geomorphology.
  - j. Description of functions provided.



- k. Wetland category rating and buffer requirements.
4. Mitigation Approach.
  - a. Mitigation sequencing followed.
  - b. Goals and objectives.
  - c. Performance standards to assess each objective.
5. Proposed Compensation Site.
  - a. Site description (location, size, maps):
    - i. Ownership.
    - ii. Total area of mitigation site (acres).
    - iii. Current/past land use.
  - b. Site selection rationale.
  - c. Existing/baseline ecological conditions of the compensation site:
    - i. Acreage of existing wetlands and uplands.
    - ii. National Wetland Inventory or local jurisdiction wetland mapping of the site.
    - iii. Summary of historic and current on-site and nearby land uses (zoning designations).
    - iv. Description of any known cultural resources on the site.
    - v. Description of the site in context of other wetlands/water bodies.
    - vi. Description of the water regime.
    - vii. Description of the soils.
    - viii. Description of the plant communities.
    - ix. Description of any fauna using the site.
    - x. Landscape position and geomorphology.
    - xi. Description of functions provided.
    - xii. Wetland rating of any existing wetlands, buffer requirements.
  - d. Site constraints.
6. Preliminary Site Plan.
  - a. Explanation of how a adequate hydrology will be provided.
  - b. Discussion of how project was designed to provide the proposed functions.
  - c. Schematic drawings: change in topography:
    - i. Hydrologic structures.

- ii. Soils.
    - iii. Vegetation distributions.
    - iv. Habitat attributes.
    - v. Buffers.
  - d. Section drawings showing relationship of topography to water regime and vegetation.
- 7. Final Site Plan/Design.
  - a. Site survey and topography.
  - b. Water regime including:
    - i. Engineering drawings of water control structures.
    - ii. Source of water (volume, velocity, hydro period).
  - c. Soil amendments.
  - d. Landscape plans:
    - i. Drawing of proposed plant distribution.
    - ii. Location of existing or proposed upland buffers.
    - iii. Section drawings showing relationship of topography to vegetation.
    - iv. Erosion control.
    - v. Location of habitat structure.
    - vi. Location of upland buffers.
    - vii. Soil amendments.
  - e. Construction specifications.
- 8. Monitoring Plan.
  - a. Vegetation.
  - b. Water regime.
  - c. Soils.
  - d. Fauna.
  - e. Functions and values.
  - f. Development of habitat structure.
  - g. Water quality.
  - h. Buffers.
  - i. Timetable for reporting monitoring results.

9. Site Protection.
  - a. Physical site protection.
  - b. Legal protection.
  - c. Buffers.
10. Maintenance and Contingency Plans.
  - a. Maintenance schedule.
  - b. Contingency plan:
    - i. Initiating procedure.
    - ii. Funding.
    - iii. Responsible parties.
11. Implementation Schedule.
  - a. Construction schedule.
  - b. Monitoring schedule.
  - c. Reporting schedule.
  - d. Financial assurance.

B. Permit Conditions. Any compensation project prepared pursuant to this section and approved by the department shall become part of the application for the permit. The department will require an additional growing season year for approval of mitigation plan unless the applicant requests an inspection for final monitoring year during the final monitoring year assessment.

C. Performance Bonds and Demonstration of Competence. A demonstration of financial resources, administrative, supervisory, and technical competence and scientific expertise of sufficient standing to successfully execute the compensation project shall be provided. A compensation project manager shall be named, and the qualifications of each team member involved in preparing the mitigation plan and implementing and supervising the project shall be provided, including educational background and areas of expertise, training and experience with comparable projects. A performance bond, assignment of savings, or other like security will be required by the department in an amount necessary to provide for future site monitoring and possible corrective action required for compensatory mitigation projects. This bond, assignment of savings, or the security will be released no later than five years after completion of the mitigation project. If the approved mitigation is not completed or fails to meet its success standards, the property owner must agree to a property access release form, with forfeiture of funds after the specified monitoring period.

D. Waiver. The department may waive portions of this report if, in its opinion, there is adequate information available on the site to determine its impacts and appropriate measures.

**22.700.115 Habitat management plan.**

A. A habitat management plan (HMP) is a site investigation report to evaluate the potential presence or absence of a regulated fish or wildlife species or habitat, including critical freshwater and saltwater habitats, affecting a subject property and proposed development. This report shall identify how development impacts to fish and wildlife habitat from a proposed project will be mitigated. WDFW priority habitat and species (PHS) management recommendations or bald eagle protection rules outlined in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bald Eagle Management Guidelines and Conservation Plan for the Pacific Region, as now or hereafter amended, may serve as guidance for this report.

- B. The HMP shall contain a map prepared at an easily readable scale, showing:
1. The location of the proposed development site.
  2. The relationship of the site to surrounding topographic, water features, and cultural features.
  3. Proposed building locations and arrangements.
  4. A legend which includes a complete legal description, a creage of the parcel, scale, north areas, and date of map revision.
  5. WDFW PHS data, no older than one year from the project submittal.
  6. Locations of any identified federally listed species and critical freshwater or saltwater habitats.
- C. The habitat management plan shall also contain a report which describes:
1. The nature and intensity of the proposed development.
  2. An analysis of the effect of the proposed development, activity or land use change upon the wildlife species and habitat, including critical freshwater and saltwater habitats, identified for protection.
  3. A discussion on how the applicant proposes to mitigate any adverse impacts to wildlife habitats created by the proposed development. (See Sections 22.700.105, Wetland delineation report, and 22.700.110, Wetland mitigation plan/report).
- D. Examples of mitigation measures to be included in the HMP report include, but are not limited to:
1. Establishment of Buffer Zones. When applicable, the order of sequence for buffer reductions shall be as follows:
    - a. Use of buffer averaging maintaining one hundred percent of the buffer area under the standard buffer requirement,
    - b. Reduction of the overall buffer area by no more than twenty-five percent of the area required under the standard buffer requirement,
    - c. Enhancement of existing degraded buffer area and replanting of the disturbed buffer area,
    - d. The use of alternative on-site wastewater systems in order to minimize site clearing,
    - e. Infiltration of stormwater where soils permit,
    - f. Retention of existing native vegetation on other portions of the site in order to offset habitat loss from buffer reduction;
  2. Preservation of native plants and trees essential to maintaining habitat function;
  3. Limitation of access to habitat areas;
  4. Seasonal restriction of construction activities; and
  5. Establishing phased development requirements and/or a timetable for periodic review of the plan.
- E. An HMP shall be prepared by a fish or wildlife biologist, as defined at Sections 19.150.320 and 19.150.690. For proposed single-family dwelling construction, the department may complete the plan. Fees may be collected for this plan as specified in community development fee schedule. Where this plan is required for the protection of an

eagle habitat, the USFWS Bald Eagle Management Guidelines and Conservation Plan for the Pacific Region shall be utilized.

**22.700.120 Geotechnical report and geological report.**

A. Whenever development is proposed in a geologically hazardous area or where required in this program, or when the department determines that additional soils and slope analysis is appropriate on a particular site, the applicant is required to submit a geotechnical or geological report that evaluates the surface and subsurface soil conditions on the site.

B. Qualifications.

1. Geotechnical reports shall be prepared by a geotechnical engineer.
2. Geological reports may be prepared by a licensed geologist or geotechnical engineer.

C. General Provisions. Report recommendations for earthwork, clearing or siting structures in geologically hazardous areas shall be based on existing site conditions rather than measures that have not yet been successfully approved, designed, or constructed (e.g., slope recontouring, slope retaining walls, vegetation improvements, bulkheads, etc.). Shoreline stabilization and retaining walls may only be utilized only as an engineering solution where it can be demonstrated that:

1. An existing residential structure or other permitted existing public or private structures or public facilities such as roads or highways, cannot be safely maintained without such measures;
2. Other nonstructural methods of beach stabilization have been considered and determined infeasible; and
3. The resulting stabilization structure is the minimum necessary to provide stability for the existing structure and appurtenances. Minor repair activities on existing permitted structures (e.g., those that do not involve design modifications, changes in structure location, and/or demolition or abandonment of failed structure and replacement with new structure) are not subject to the following project submittal standards.

D. Geological Report Submittal Standards. A geological report is required for site development proposals that involve development activity or the installation of structures within a geologically hazardous area or shoreline setbacks, or as otherwise required pursuant to Chapters 19.300 and 19.400 as incorporated herein by reference, but do not involve or require engineering design recommendations. The following minimum information is required:

1. Site information regarding the Kitsap County shoreline environment designation and critical areas designations that affect site features;
2. Description of surface and subsurface conditions, including ground materials, vegetation, surface drainage, groundwater, and a preliminary geologic hazard assessment which includes the locations of structures and the identification of the slope and/or coastal processes occurring at the site and factors that contribute to them;
3. Review of available site information, literature, and mapping;
4. Detailed description of slope and other topographic features;
5. Conceptual siting of structures and general recommendations, which include methods and practices that avoid and/or reduce slope and shore impacts. Minimum recommendations should include upland and slope drainage control, groundwater control, site vegetation management, and erosion control.

E. Geotechnical Report Submittal Standards. A geotechnical report is required when the department or a geological report determines that a site development proposal requires additional site information such as engineering design recommendations, slope stability analysis, subsurface exploration and testing, coastal process analyses, or construction recommendations. Depending on the level of activity proposed, the report will either be a

more limited geotechnical slope evaluation report or a full geotechnical design investigation report as described below.

1. **Geotechnical Slope Evaluation Report.** A geotechnical slope evaluation report is required when slope stability analyses are confined to addressing only existing surface and/or drainage conditions, including the relationship of natural and constructed slope features to proposed changes in environmental conditions such as drainage, vegetation removal and slope geometry. The following minimum information is required:
  - a. All the information required under subsection (D) of this section (Geological Report Submittal Standards);
  - b. Subsurface data, exploration logs, and testing data, when required by the geotechnical engineer;
  - c. Estimated (or surveyed) site plan with ground surface profiles and typical cross-sections;
  - d. Relative location of ordinary high water (OHW) on the surface profile and cross-sections, which includes mean higher high water (MHHW) for the site location, where applicable;
  - e. Soil strength parameters;
  - f. Stability analysis of existing site;
  - g. Analysis of the relationship of vegetation and slope stability; and
  - h. Conceptual site development plans and cross-sections.
2. **Geotechnical Design Investigation Report.** A geotechnical design investigation report is required for site development activities that propose design and construction measures at the slope crest, face and/or toe. If a designed structure does not impact slope stability or coastal processes, the report will not be required to perform all items listed under this section, as long as each item is addressed and the report details why a particular item does not apply. The report shall include all items considered necessary by the engineer to fully address the engineering design requirements of the site. The following minimum information is required:
  - a. All the information required under subsection (E)(1) of this section (Geotechnical Slope Evaluation Report);
  - b. Geotechnical requirements and measures to reduce risks;
  - c. Geotechnical criteria used for any designs including all critical dimensions, lateral earth pressures, soil bearing pressures, location and limits of structures on or near the slope, maximum constructed slope angles, minimum soil reinforcement embedment, soil compaction requirements, and structure heights;
  - d. Temporary construction slope stability recommendations and analysis of proposed final site stability measures;
  - e. Required construction specifications and construction monitoring procedures;
  - f. Revegetation and surface and groundwater management requirements;
  - g. Evaluation of erosion potential, recommendations for erosion avoidance and any proposed mitigation measures;
  - h. Detailed tabulation of all basic geotechnical engineering test results pertinent to design and construction, and when required for clarification, detailed examples of tests conducted for the project; and
  - i. Information outlined in the geotechnical design investigation report site evaluation checklist (see subsection (G) of this section).

F. Additional Requirements for Sites in Geologically Hazardous Areas. When a project site is located within a landslide-prone geologically hazardous area, as classified in Section 19.400.425, the following additional project submittal requirements shall apply:

1. Erosion Control Information. An evaluation of the erosion potential on the site during and after construction is required. The evaluation shall include recommendations for mitigation, including retention of vegetative buffers and a revegetation program. The geotechnical engineer shall provide a statement identifying buffer areas at the top or toe of a slope based on geotechnical site constraints and the impacts of proposed construction methods on the erosion potential of the slope.

2. Seismic Information. The geotechnical engineer shall submit a statement that the design criteria consider the one-in-one-hundred-year seismic event (an earthquake ground motion that has a forty percent probability of exceedance in fifty years). Calculations of soil bearing capacity, general soil stability, and wall lateral earth pressures shall be adjusted to reflect a one-in-one-hundred-year seismic event and the structural plans for the project shall be reviewed by the geotechnical engineer for consistency with these design criteria. Analysis for the one-in-one-hundred-year seismic event shall be based on a near crustal event having an assumed magnitude of 6.5 and occurring directly below the site. Based on regional studies performed by others, the department will allow the use of the following minimum general values of horizontal peak ground accelerations for this event:

a = 0.2g for fill, alluvial soils.

a = 0.17g for till, firm glaciated soils.

a = 0.15g for rock.

The appropriateness of the above accelerations shall be confirmed by the geotechnical engineer based on the actual site characteristics. Reduction in the above values may be considered when supported by the appropriate analytical evidence. Slope stability, lateral pressures, and liquefaction of the site shall be assessed by using subsurface soil, rock and groundwater conditions, as well as the seismic parameters discussed above.

3. Recommendations on Relative Site Stability. The geotechnical engineer shall make recommendations as to which portion of the site is the least prone to instability and the preferred location of the structure. The limits of any area proposed for grading activity shall be identified.

4. Construction Season Limitation. In general, no excavation will be permitted in landslide-prone geologically hazardous areas during the typically wet winter months. When excavation is proposed, including the maintenance of open temporary slopes, between October 1st and April 30th, technical analysis shall be provided to ensure that no environmental harm, threat to adjacent properties, or safety issues would result. In addition, recommendations for temporary erosion control and shoring/mitigating measures shall be provided. The technical analysis shall consist of plans showing mitigation techniques and a technical memorandum from the geotechnical engineer.

5. Revisions to Geotechnical Report. Further recommendations shall be provided by the geotechnical engineer should there be additions or exceptions to the original recommendations based on the plans, site conditions, or other supporting data. If the geotechnical engineer who revises the plans and specifications is not the same engineer who prepared the geotechnical report, the new engineer shall, in a letter to the department, express his or her agreement or disagreement with the recommendations in the geotechnical report and state whether the plans and specifications conform to his or her recommendations.

6. Plan and Specification Review. The geotechnical engineer shall submit a statement that in his or her judgment, the plans and specifications (if prepared by others) conform to the recommendations in the geotechnical report and that all portions of the site which are disturbed or impacted by the proposed development have appropriate measures or specifications that permit construction to occur while addressing slope stability so that the work does not create additional risk. The statement shall also indicate whether or not a relative gain in slope stability will be achieved after construction is complete.

7. Construction Inspection. A final inspection report shall be provided by the geotechnical engineer stating that construction has or has not implemented the design recommendations of the geotechnical report, and evaluating of any deviation from the design recommendations.

G. Geotechnical Design Investigation Report– Site Evaluation Checklist. The following are general report guidelines for geotechnical design investigation reports. The following guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive. It is the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer to address all factors, which in their opinion are relevant to the site. The checklist information shall be included as part of the geotechnical design investigation report. All items listed below must be addressed in the report. Information shall be provided for those items which are not relevant to a given site to demonstrate why the items are not applicable.

1. Project Information.
  - a. Site owner name;
  - b. Project proponent name;
  - c. Shoreline environment designation (where applicable); and
  - d. Critical areas ordinance (CAO) designations affecting site features.
2. Project Description.
  - a. Description of proposed structures, site improvements, and adverse impact avoidance and reduction methods.
  - b. Location and total area of the construction zone.

**22.700.125 Hydrogeological report.**

A. The hydrogeological report shall address the impact the proposed land use will have on both the quality and quantity of the water transmitted to the aquifer.

B. The report shall be submitted to the department and shall address, at a minimum, the following criteria:

1. Surface soil type and geologic setting;
2. Location and identification of wells within one thousand feet of the site;
3. Location and identification of surface water bodies and springs within one thousand feet of the site with recharge potential;
4. Description of underlying aquifers and aquitards, including water level, gradients and flow direction;
5. Available surface water and groundwater quality data;
6. Effects of the proposed development on water quality;
7. Sampling schedules required to assure water quality;
8. Discussion of the effects of the proposed development on the groundwater resource;
9. Recommendations on appropriate best management practices (BMPs) or mitigation to assure no significant degradation of groundwater quality; and
10. Other information as required by the Kitsap public health district.
11. The report shall also address the types of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that can safely be used for the care of landscaping proposed by the applicant.



C. The hydrogeologic report shall be prepared by a professional geologist/hydrologist or by a soil scientist with a strong background in geology.

D. Applications for development or operations with underground storage of petroleum products will be processed using the appropriate procedure as specified in existing Kitsap County ordinances.

E. Analysis for a specific parcel(s), using the criteria outlined below, will be employed to confirm if the soils present require a recharge area designation. Data collection will include, at a minimum, six soil logs to a depth of ten feet (or to a depth four feet below the lowest proposed excavation point, whichever is greater) for each acre in the parcel(s) being evaluated. At least one well, two hundred feet or greater in depth with an adequate drilling report, must be available within one mile. The associated data shall be analyzed and included in the hydrogeologic report to determine the presence of highly permeable soils with the recharge area designation. For development proposals within a quifer recharge areas of concern, the hydrogeological report may be based on quarter-quarter section basis where the number of wells within a half-mile radius is thirty-six or more. To facilitate computer analysis, the evaluation may be done on a quarter-quarter section basis using the quarter-quarter section in which a parcel of interest is located and all the surrounding quarter-quarter sections, in place of the half-mile circle.

### **22.700.130 Cumulative impacts report.**

A. Introduction. Cumulative impacts result when the effects of an action are added to or interact with other effects in a particular place and within a particular time. It is the combination of these effects, and any resulting environmental degradation, that should be the focus of cumulative impact analysis. While impacts can be differentiated by direct, indirect, and cumulative, the concept of cumulative impacts takes into account all disturbances. Thus, the cumulative impacts of an action can be viewed as the total effects on a resource, ecosystem, or human community, i.e., the sum of this action to all other activities affecting that resource no matter what entity is taking the actions.

Unlike direct and indirect impacts assessments, the cumulative impact assessment entails a more extensive and broader review of possible effects. It should be recognized that while no “cookbook” approach to cumulative impacts analysis exists, a general approach is described here.

#### **B. Approach.**

##### **1. Considerations.**

- a. The proximity of the projects to other similar projects either geographically or temporally;
- b. The probability of actions affecting the same environmental system, especially systems that are susceptible to development pressures; and
- c. The likelihood that the project will lead to a wide range of effects or lead to a number of associated projects.

##### **2. Resources and Ecosystem Components. To determine which resources are cumulatively affected, consider:**

- a. Whether the resource is especially vulnerable to incremental effects;
- b. Whether the proposed action is one of several similar actions in the same geographical area;
- c. Whether other activities in the area have similar effects on the resource;
- d. Whether the effects have been historically significant for this resource; and
- e. Whether other analyses in the area have identified a cumulative effects concern.

##### **3. Geographic Boundaries and Time Period. An appropriate spatial scope of the cumulative impacts analysis is determined by:**

- a. Identifying a geographic area that includes resources potentially affected by the proposed project;
  - b. Extending that area, where necessary, to include resources affected by the combined impacts of the project and other actions; and
  - c. Combining ecological boundaries with political boundaries when necessary to adequately delineate the assessment area.
4. Past, Present and Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions. Consider:
- a. Whether the environment has been degraded, and if so, to what extent;
  - b. Whether ongoing activities in the area are causing impacts; and
  - c. The trends of activities and impacts in the area.
5. Describing the Condition of the Environment. Describe:
- a. How the environment to be affected by the project functions naturally and whether it has been significantly degraded;
  - b. The specific characteristics of the affected environment and the extent of change, if any, that has occurred in that environment; and
  - c. The natural condition of the environment or, if that is not available, some modified, but ecologically sustainable, condition to serve as a benchmark.
6. Using Thresholds to Assess Resource Degradation. Thresholds should be practical, scientifically defensible, and fit the scale of the analysis. They may be either numeric standards, qualitative standards or based on desired management goals.

**22.700.135 Navigation study.**

- A. Any over-water structure that will exceed a length of fifteen percent of the shore-to-shore distance shall require a navigation study.
- B. A navigation study, at a minimum, shall include:
1. Demonstration of the need for a structure longer than fifteen percent of the shore-to-shore distance;
  2. The proposed structure length and its percent of the shore-to-shore distance;
  3. Location of the nearest parks or public access points, especially those that provide haul-outs to recreational, scientific or tribal boaters/paddlers;
  4. Number of days for which the tides (low and high) would render navigation under or around the proposed structure to be hazardous for paddlers or motorized boaters (if allowed in the water body); and
  5. Any measures that could be taken to minimize impacts to navigation.

**22.700.140 Shoreline mitigation plan.**

When required, a shoreline mitigation plan shall include the following:

- A. Requested biological and/or habitat surveys (Section 22.700.145) to determine the existing site condition.
- B. A description of the existing conditions, functions and processes.
- C. A plan for mitigating any development impacts so that the proposed development does not result in a net loss of those identified conditions, functions and processes.

- D. The mitigation must be completed or installed prior to development activity, unless demonstrated infeasible.
- E. The mitigation will require ~~semi~~ annual progress updates until the department determines the mitigation is successful.
- F. Mitigation done as part of a shoreline mitigation plan shall be subject to all other mitigation requirements of the program.

**22.700.145 Biological and habitat surveys.**

- A. When a biological or habitat survey is required, it shall be conducted according to the WDFW, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers parameters, where applicable.
- B. A vegetation habitat survey must be conducted according to the most current WDFW eelgrass and macroalgae survey guidelines.
- C. Surveys should be conducted by consultants or staff trained and certified in forage fish spawning survey protocols.

## **Chapter 22.800**

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#### **Appendix A SHORELINE ENVIRONMENT DESIGNATIONS MAP**

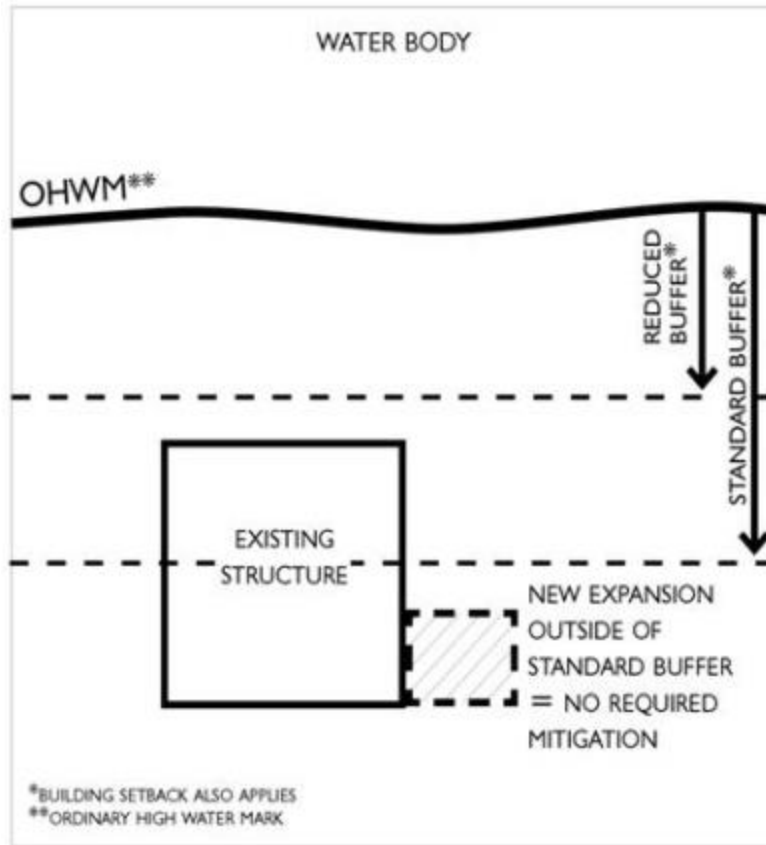
Appendix A is on file and may be reviewed in the office of the clerk of the board of commissioners.

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#### **Appendix B MITIGATION OPTIONS TO ACHIEVE NO NET LOSS FOR NEW OR RE-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

##### **B.1 General Mitigation Standards**

- A. After mitigation sequencing is applied in accordance with Section [22.400.110\(A\)](#), compensatory mitigation selection shall be guided by this appendix.
- B. Some projects may result in multiple types of impacts to shoreline ecological functions, each of which may require compensatory mitigation.
- C. Mitigation is not required outside of the Standard Buffer. Applicable critical area, stormwater, and site planning sequencing standards shall still apply. See Figure B.1-1.



**Figure B.1-1. Clearing outside of Standard Buffer**

- D. Unless otherwise specified during the agency review process, mitigation for new or re-development activity shall be at a 1:1 ratio.
- E. Where a site-specific Shoreline Mitigation Plan (see Section [22.700.140](#)) can demonstrate no net loss of shoreline ecological functions, alternate mitigation ratios may be applied.
- F. Shoreline Mitigation Plans (see Section [22.700.140](#)) shall utilize applicable information from the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report, as supplemented with site-specific data.
- G. Mitigation planting or other mitigation options shall occur adjacent and parallel to the OHWM of the shoreline as a first preference. Depending on site conditions, mitigation may be allowed away from the shoreline edge, if the actions are replacing in-kind functions and would achieve greater ecological benefit. Where demonstrated to be feasible through mitigation sequencing, this may include mitigation on adjoining upland parcels under the same ownership as the shoreline parcel requiring mitigation.
- H. Based on required mitigation and mitigation sequencing in accordance with this Program, a combination of mitigation options may be utilized to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions. In-kind measures are preferred over out-of-kind measures. See applicable sections below for preferred order of compensatory mitigation.
- I. If public access is included in the development, mitigation may be reduced by up to one half, provided all other applicable provisions are met. Where this option is utilized to mitigate for impacts to ecological

functions, public access projects shall incorporate measures to improve ecological functions to the extent feasible at the project location.

**B.2 Mitigation Standards for Specific Development Activities**

A. Vegetation Clearing

Existing Vegetation Being Removed	Mitigation Requirement Between the Standard and Reduced Standard Buffers	Mitigation Requirement Waterward of the Reduced Standard Buffer
Grass/Lawn	Replace 1/2 of the equivalent of the cleared area with native vegetation (see Figure B.2-1a)	Replace the equivalent of the cleared area with native vegetation (see Figure B.2-1d)
Non-Native Landscaping (groundcover other than lawn, shrubs, trees)	Replace the equivalent of the cleared area with native vegetation (see Figure B.2-1b)	Replace 2 times the equivalent of the cleared area with native vegetation
Native Vegetation (groundcover, shrubs, trees)	Replace 2 times the equivalent of the cleared area with native vegetation (see Figure B.2-1c)	Replace 4 times the equivalent of the cleared area with native vegetation

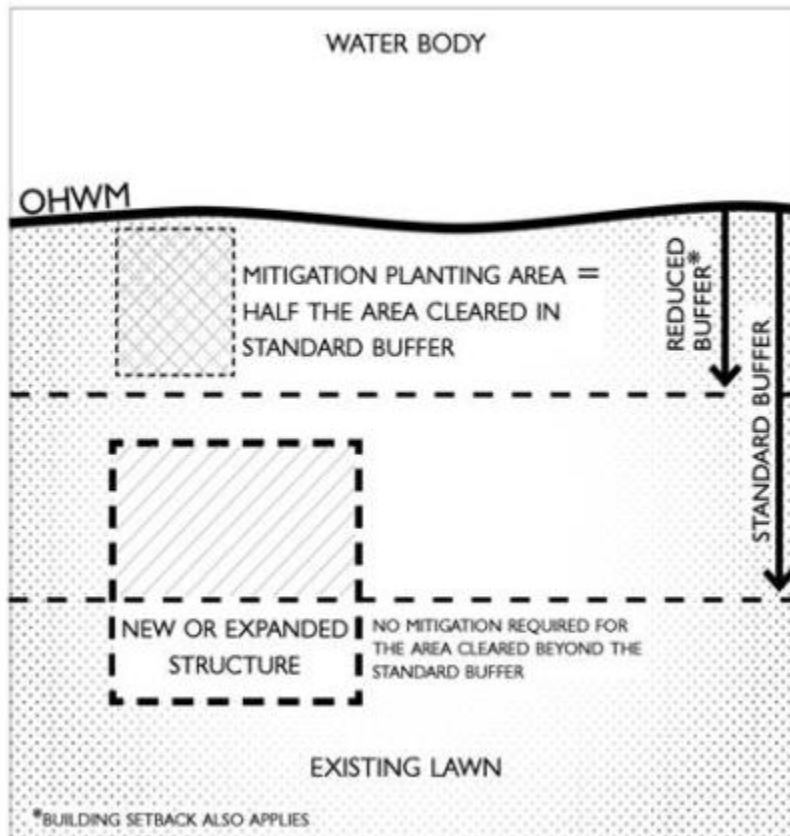


Figure B.2-1a. Mitigation for clearing existing lawn within the Standard Buffer

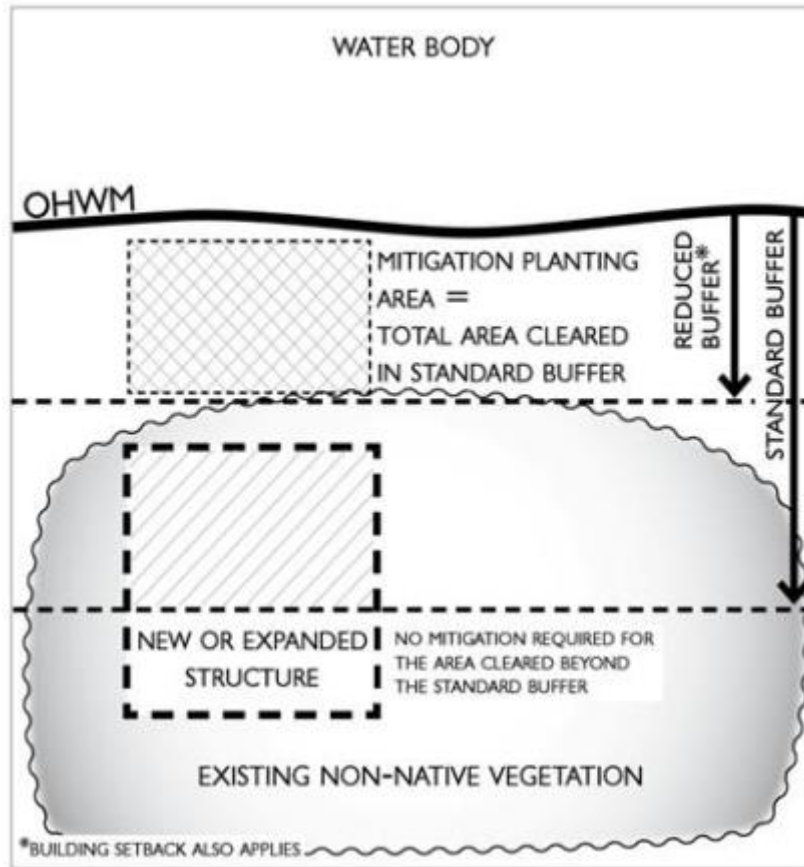


Figure B.2-1b. Mitigation for clearing non-native vegetation within the Standard Buffer

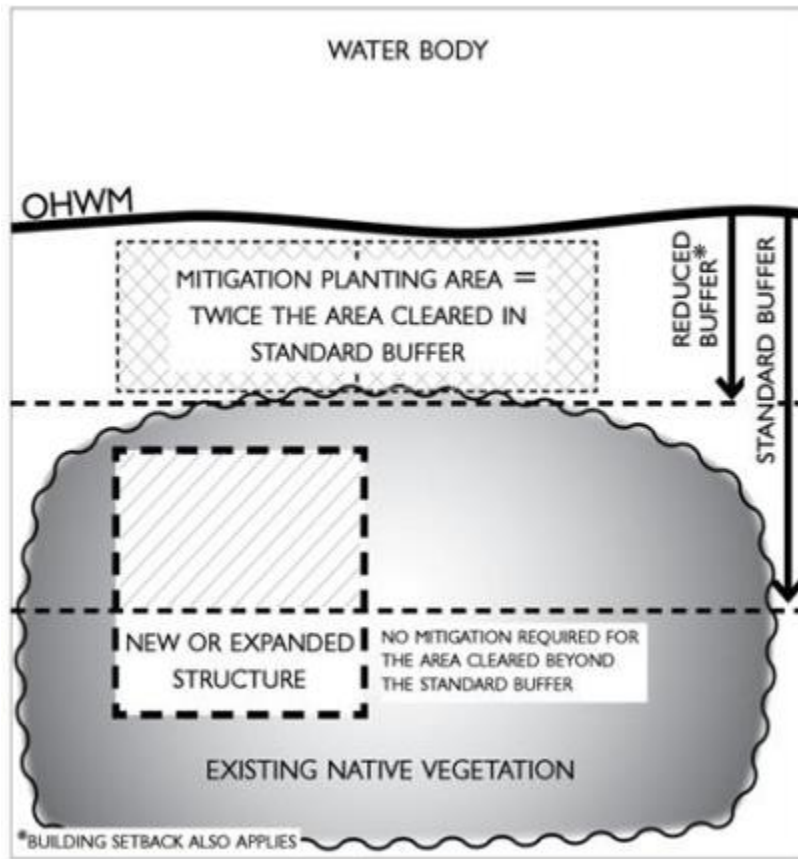
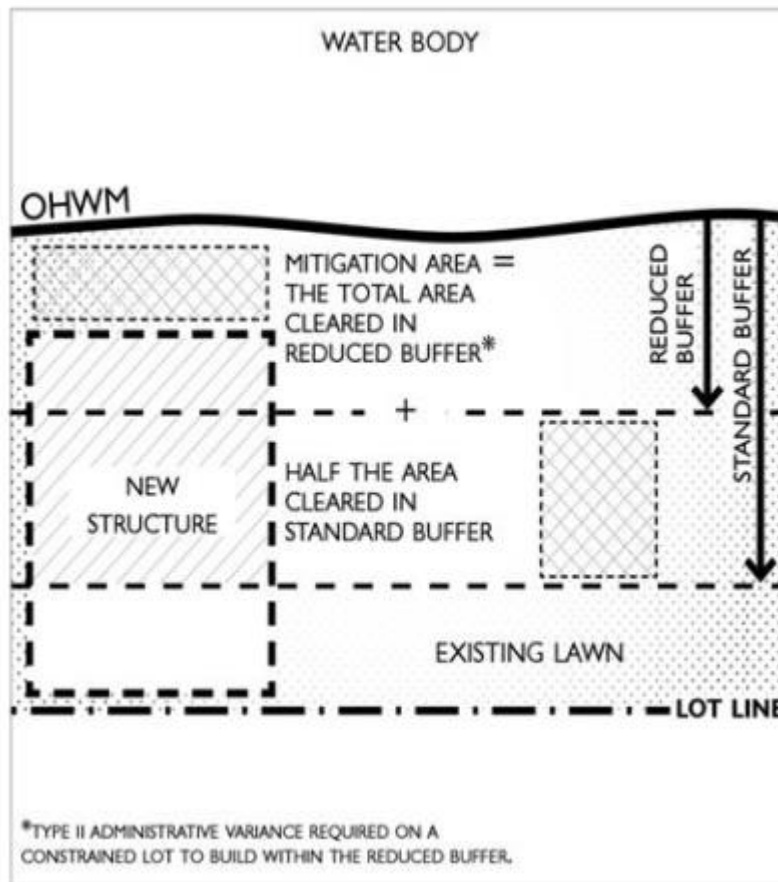


Figure B.2-1c. Mitigation for clearing native vegetation within the Standard Buffer



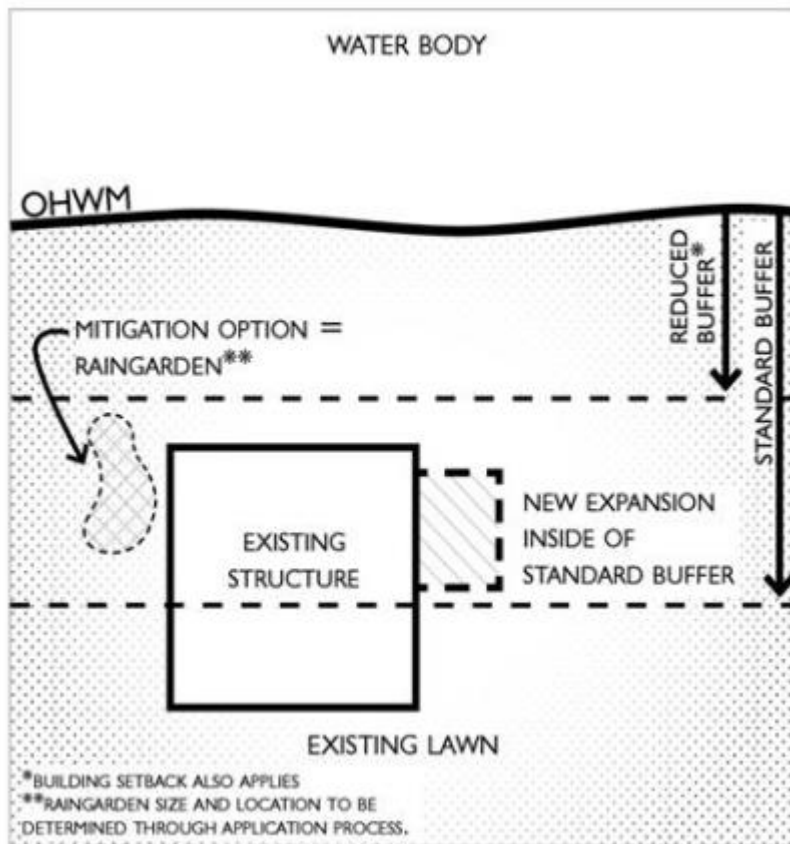


**Figure B.2-1d. Mitigation for clearing existing lawn within the Standard and Reduced Buffers**

B. Alternative standards for vegetation clearing. Where it can be demonstrated that intact native vegetation outside of the required buffer provides greater ecological function than previously cleared or developed areas within the buffer, permanent retention of the intact native vegetation outside of the buffer may be allowed as an alternative, consistent with the vegetation replacement ratios listed above. Such areas shall be recorded under a notice to title, and marked with standard buffer signage.

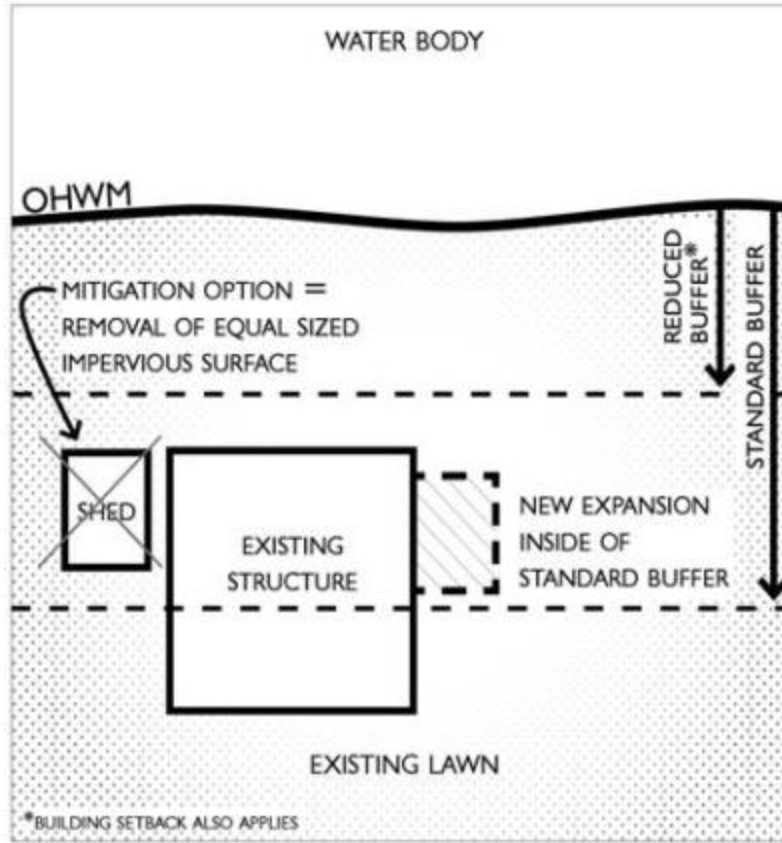
C. Alternative standards for impervious surface installation:

1. Decks and semi-pervious surfaces: for installation of pervious or semi-pervious surfaces such as non-solid surface decks in place of existing lawn or other non-native vegetation, pervious area may be subtracted from the above mitigation requirements.
2. Rain garden option: for new or expanded impervious surface that replaces grass, lawn or non-native landscaping, rain garden installation may be utilized in lieu of the above replanting specifications. Rain gardens shall generally be 50-80% of the new impervious surface size, depending on soil type. Rain gardens may not be appropriate in all locations due to soil type or slope. Staff shall be consulted prior to selecting this option. For additional guidance, see Rain Garden Handbook for Western Washington Homeowners, Washington State University Extension, 2007, now or as hereafter amended. [http://www.pierce.wsu.edu/Water\\_Quality/LID](http://www.pierce.wsu.edu/Water_Quality/LID) See Figure B.2-2.



**Figure B.2-2. Mitigation using raingarden option for clearing in Standard Buffer.**

3. Impervious Surface Removal Credit: removal of impervious surface of an equivalent or greater area and replacement with vegetation may be utilized for mitigation credit at a 1:1 ratio, so long as the existing impervious surface to be removed is within the Standard or Reduced Standard Buffer. When such removal occurs outside of the Standard Buffer, a 0.5:1 ratio will be applied. See Figure B.2-3.



**Figure B.2-3. Mitigation using removal of impervious surface option for clearing in Standard Buffer**

4. Impervious surface installation in areas lacking vegetation: where new impervious surfaces are installed on surfaces generally lacking vegetation, such as existing parking or driving surfaces, mitigation may generally be achieved by implementing appropriate stormwater treatment methods for new impervious surface areas.

### **B.3 New and Replacement Shoreline Armoring or Barrier Structures (in order of preference)**

A. If new, removal of another barrier structure at a 1:1 ratio (length), or other opportunities identified in the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report.

B. If replacement exceeds 50% of existing structure, use soft or hybrid alternative(s) such as adding logs or stumps.

C. For new or replacement:

1. Remove fill and move armoring landward.
2. Add a “pocket beach” to the design, where appropriate based on shoreline functions.
3. Add overhanging vegetation along the bulkhead edge or other portion of shoreline currently not providing such features, when other options are not available.

4. Add beach nourishment, where determined appropriate in consultation with agencies with jurisdiction and affected tribes.

#### **B.4 New and Replacement Overwater Structures (in order of preference)**

- A. For new development, remove any additional legally established existing over-water or in-water structures that are not the subject of the application and are not otherwise required to be removed because they are illegal or are the subject of a required clean-up effort.
- B. For new or replacement, add site appropriate habitat features in consultation with agencies with jurisdiction.
- C. For dock additions, partial dock replacements, or other modifications, replace areas of existing solid over-water cover with grated material or use grating on those altered portions of docks if they are not otherwise required to be grated.
- D. Plant native vegetation along the shoreline immediately landward of the OHWM consisting of trees and/or shrubs native to Kitsap County and typically found in undisturbed areas adjacent to the subject waterbody. When shoreline plantings are the only mitigation option for a given overwater proposal, the new or expanded footprint must be compensated for at a 1:1 planting area ratio with required trees planted on 10-foot centers and/or shrubs planted on 5-foot centers. Native groundcover can be supplemental to the planted shoreline area, but does not count toward the total square footage requirement.
- E. Remove or ecologically improve hardened shoreline, including existing launch ramps or hard structural shoreline stabilization. Improvements may consist of softening the face and toe of the stabilization with soil, gravel and/or cobbles and incorporating vegetation or large woody debris.
- F. Remove man-made debris waterward of the OHWM, such as car bodies, oil drums, concrete or asphalt debris, remnant docks, or other material detrimental to ecological functions and ecosystem-wide processes.
- G. Place large woody debris if consistent with local, state and/or federal regulations.
- H. Participate in an approved mitigation banking or in-lieu-fee program, after consideration of feasible on-site options.

#### **B.5 Alternative Mitigation Options**

The following alternative mitigation options may be utilized where appropriate to achieve no net loss of ecological functions, either in combination with or in lieu of the options provided in Sections B.2–B.4.

- A. Transfer of Development Rights, if applicable (KCC [17.580](#))
- B. Off site, in-lieu fee (if available). For Hood Canal, the Hood Canal Coordinating Council In-Lieu Fee program shall be utilized.
- C. Documented restoration activities which have occurred on the property after a doption of this Program and within five years of shoreline development or redevelopment, in accordance with the Shoreline Restoration Plan (Appendix C) of this Program, may be considered for use as mitigation. Mitigation credit for prior activities shall be determined upon application for the proposal that requires mitigation.

D. Other options from Chapter 4 of the Kitsap County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report and Appendix C of this Program, where demonstrated that such options shall achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions for the proposed development activity. Such options may not be utilized if they have been specifically identified for use of public restoration funds, except where approved through a public-private partnership.

E. Other options commensurate with the level of proposed impact, as may be identified approved guidance principles for local jurisdictions that provide options to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.

(Ord. 519 (2014) § 4 (Exh. 1 (part)), 2014)

### **Appendix C SHORELINE RESTORATION PLAN**

Appendix C is on file and may be reviewed in the office of the clerk of the board of commissioners.

### **Appendix D CHANNEL MIGRATION ZONE MAPS**

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### **Appendix E CRITICAL AREAS REGULATIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The following sections of Title [19](#) KCC, Critical Areas Ordinance, dated June 28, 2021, are incorporated herein and provided in Appendix E for reference purposes, except as supplemental or modified under Sections [22.400.115](#)(B)-(G).

- A. Standards for Existing Development ([19.100.130](#)\*)
- B. Critical Area and Buffer Notice to Title ([19.100.150](#)\*)
- C. General Application Requirements ([19.100.155](#)\*)
- D. Inventory Provisions ([19.100.160](#)\*)
- E. Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas ([19.600](#)\*)
- F. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas ([19.300](#)\*)
- G. Frequently Flooded Areas ([19.500](#)\*)
- H. Geologically Hazardous Areas ([19.400](#)\*)
- I. Wetlands ([19.200](#)\*)
- J. Definitions ([19.150](#)\*)

**Appendix F**  
**List of Shoreline Waterbodies**

All marine waters within Kitsap County are considered shorelines of the state. Those freshwater “shorelines” within Kitsap County, are all or a portion of the waters listed in Table F-1 and are subject to the provisions of this Program. A list of the upstream extent of rivers and streams in shoreline jurisdiction is identified by section, township, and range, for these waters and shown in Appendix A ‘Shoreline Environment Designations Maps’.

**Table F-1 Shoreline Waterbodies\***

<b><u>Shoreline Rivers and Streams</u></b>		
<b><u>WAC 173-18-044</u></b>		
<u>Big Beef Creek (Sec. 24, T24N, R2W)</u>	<u>Chico Creek – Lower (Sec. 7, T24N, R1E)</u>	<u>Gorst Creek (Sec. 7, T23N, R1E)</u>
<u>Blackjack Creek (Sec. 28, T23N, R1E)</u>	<u>Coulter Creek (Sec. 7, T23N, R1E)</u>	<u>Tahuya River (Sec. 14, T22N, R3W)</u>
<u>Burley Creek (Sec. 13, T23N, R1E)</u>	<u>Curley Creek (Sec. 8, T23N, R2E)</u>	<u>Union River (Sec. 14, T24N, R1W)</u>
<b><u>Shoreline Lakes</u></b>		
<u>Big Lake</u>	<u>Lake Symington</u>	<u>Square Lake</u>
<u>Buck Lake</u>	<u>Lider Lake</u>	<u>Tahuya Lake</u>
<u>Carney Lake</u>	<u>Long Lake</u>	<u>Tiger Lake</u>
<u>Fern Lake</u>	<u>Mace Lake</u>	<u>Tin Mine Lake</u>
<u>Hintzville Beaver Pond</u>	<u>Miller Lake</u>	<u>Wicks Lake</u>
<u>Horseshoe Lake</u>	<u>Mission Lake</u>	<u>Wildcat Lake</u>
<u>Island Lake</u>	<u>Newberry Hill Heritage Park Pond</u>	<u>Wye Lake</u>
<u>Kitsap Lake</u>	<u>Oakridge Lake</u>	
<u>Lake Flora</u>	<u>Panther Lake</u>	

\*This list is based on information from the Kitsap County Inventory and Shoreline Characterization Study (2010).