

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Update of the City of Snohomish Shoreline Master Program (SMP) as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA). The SMP Update includes amendment of the City of Snohomish Comprehensive Plan and the Snohomish Municipal Code as needed to integrate the SMP. This update is funded by a Department of Ecology (DOE) grant.

NAME AND LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: City of Snohomish SMP Update. This is an area-wide, non-project action that is not site-specific. The SMP jurisdiction includes lands and wetlands within 200 feet of Blackman's Lake and the Snohomish and Pilchuck Rivers. Virtually all shoreline jurisdiction areas are also designated as critical area and therefore critical areas regulations apply. SMP documents are available for review on the City of Snohomish website: www.ci.snohomish.wa.us.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Snohomish **FILE NUMBERS:** 19-11-CPA and 19-11-SEPA

PROPONENT: City of Snohomish 116 Union Avenue Snohomish, WA 98290


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THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City of Snohomish. This information is available for review at the Snohomish City Hall, 116 Union Avenue, Snohomish, WA 98290 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

- () There is no comment period for the DNS.
- () This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on this DNS.
- (X) This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance specified below.

Date of Issuance: December 16, 2011
Comments and/or appeals must be submitted by: 5:00 p.m., December 29, 2011.

Responsible Official: Corbitt Loch
Position/Title: Planning Director **Phone:** (360) 282-3170
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Signature:  _____

APPEALS:
Appeals of this SEPA threshold determination must be filed in writing with the City Clerk for the City of Snohomish by 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 2011. Appeals must be made in accordance with the provisions of chapters 14.15 SMC and 14.75 SMC. A \$500 appeal fee must be filed with the appeal. Appeals must be in writing and received as original documents by the close of the appeal period. Fax, e-mail and similar forms of document transmission shall not be accepted and shall not be considered as meeting the filing requirements. Appeals must state the section of the SMC being appealed, the specific determination or mitigation being appealed and the form of relief requested.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

FILE NO. 19-11-CPA AND 19-11-SEPA

DATE RECEIVED: 12/13/11

I. BACKGROUND

ADMINISTRATION
COMMENTS ONLY

A. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Snohomish Shoreline Master Program Update (SMP Update).

B. Name, address and telephone number of property owner(s):

NA. This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site-specific. This non-project action relates to all properties within the City of Snohomish shoreline jurisdiction.

C. Name, address and telephone number of representative(s) [contractor, architect, etc.]:

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D. Date checklist prepared:

10/31/11 – 12/13/11.

E. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Snohomish.

F. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Adoption by June 30, 2012.

G. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

None specifically. Land use and environmental controls are always undergoing updating and improvement. Project actions within the shoreline jurisdiction will be proposed and evaluated from time to time.

H. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

EIS for the City of Snohomish Comprehensive Plan

Draft ESA Response

EIS for Pilchuck District Redevelopment Plan

Draft SMP Update

Inventory and classification

Policies

Regulations

Cumulative Impacts Analysis

No Net Loss Statement

Restoration Plan

Environmental analysis (EIS) for Snohomish County's SMP Update is available at the following website:

http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/PDS/Divisions/PlanningandTechnology/Cod e_Development/Shorelines/SMP_Documents.htm

The City of Lake Stevens completed a SEPA checklist and issued a DNS for the City's SMP Update (April 15, 2011).

The City of Monroe completed a SEPA checklist and issued a SEPA determination for the City's SMP Update (August 2008).

Numerous environmental studies have been prepared for site-specific project actions located within or near shoreline jurisdictions. Numerous environmental studies have been prepared for non-project actions within or near Snohomish's shoreline jurisdiction. For example, the City of Snohomish is currently evaluating the environmental impacts associated with removal of the City's Dam on the Pilchuck River.

Also, other jurisdictions upstream and downstream of Snohomish have completed or are completing environmental studies for their respective SMP Updates (Everett (in process), Marysville (2006), Sultan (2007), etc.).

Shorelands are also regulated as habitat conservation areas. Much of the shoreland area for the Snohomish and Pilchuck Rivers is also flood hazard areas. There are many environmental studies that apply specifically or generally to the areas of shoreline jurisdiction.

I. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Jurisdictions that have not yet adopted their required SMP Update will do so. The City of Snohomish is exploring alternatives for replacement of the Snohomish River boat launch currently located at Cady Park.

J. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Adoption by the City of Snohomish. Certification by the Department of Ecology.

K. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. (There are several questions later in this checklist which ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.)

Adoption of an updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) as required by the Shoreline Management Act. The SMP is a non-project action that comprises a set of policies and regulations intended to guide shoreline development in accordance with the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA). The SMA requires that local jurisdictions prepare SMPs to protect shoreline ecology, provide public access, and accommodate the needs of water-dependent uses in shorelines of the state. The proposal includes a re-write of the existing SMP, but this is primarily due to a desire to make the SMP's antiquated verbiage more concise and clear. The SMP Update contains few significant/substantive regulatory changes and proposed changes to regulations are more protective of the shoreline environment than existing regulations.

Square footage of buildings: NA

Square footage of parking areas: NA

Number of parking spaces: NA

L. Location of the proposal including street address (if any) and legal description (including section, township and range). Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). (You are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.)

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. The SMP applies to all property within 200' of the ordinary high water mark of the Snohomish River, Pilchuck River, and Blackman's Lake (plus any associated wetlands), and to floodplains within 200 feet of floodways of associated with these water bodies.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

A. EARTH

1. General description of the site (circle one): flat; rolling hilly; steep slopes; mountainous; other (explain):

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Some shoreline areas are relatively flat while others have slopes that exceed 20%.

2. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Some bank areas along the Pilchuck River and the Snohomish River have a slope exceeding 40%.

3. What general types of soils are found on the site? (For example: clay; sand; gravel; peat; muck.)

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Soils testing has not been completed from this non-project action. Numerous project actions in the vicinity have had soils testing done and that data could be evaluated. Examples include: CSO project, Riverfront Trail, Todo Mexico deck, First & Avenue D intersection improvements, integrated media at the WWTP, pole building at Service Electric, etc. However, it has not been deemed necessary to review those soils reports for this non-project action.

4. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Some areas along the Snohomish River and the Pilchuck River are steep-bank and subject to the scouring, erosion, etc. The rip-rap armoring of the Snohomish River bank is an indication that soils have moved in the past. Soils in some areas may be characterized by glacial till over clay and this configuration can be prone to earth movement—especially during periods of heavy rain. Some areas near the Snohomish River had railroad trestles and retaining walls. It is believed that the area of the City Shop was used as a land fill. Portions of the Pilchuck River bed was used for gravel mining.

5. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. There could be filling or grading proposed as part of a future, site-specific project action allowed by the updated SMP policies & regulations.

6. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The clearing and grading associated with a future project action could potentially be a source of erosion. The type and extent of land development allowed within the shoreline jurisdiction will not appreciably change and so the potential for erosion would not be greater than current conditions.

7. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example: asphalt or buildings)?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

8. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The draft SMP contains both policies and regulations intended to reduce and control erosion and other impacts upon the earth. On the other hand, the SMP update recognizes the State goal of allowing for channel migration. Therefore, some erosion and accretion is expected and even desirable within the channel migration zone. Policies: see Conservation Element and Shoreline Modifications Policies. Regulations: General Shoreline Development Regulations and Regulations for Specific Shoreline Modifications.

Other regulations than the SMP also apply to new construction, such as the 2005 Stormwater Manual, critical areas regulations, Best Management Practices, project-specific SEPA, and Endangered Species Act (ESA) protection via the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

B. AIR

1. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities, if known.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

2. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

None specifically. This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. Federal and State regulations control emissions. The types of land uses allowed in shoreline areas will not appreciably change so no change to emissions is expected to occur with the adoption of an updated SMP.

C. WATER

1. Surface:

a. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The SMP regulates land uses and activities in areas within 200 feet of Blackman's Lake, Pilchuck

River and the Snohomish River. These regulated shoreline environments also include areas where smaller tributaries and streams converge. Examples include Cemetery Creek, Bunk Foss (portion), and Swifty Creek. These water systems are all within the Snohomish River watershed, which is within the watershed of Puget Sound. There are also wetlands associated with these streams, lake and rivers. See the ESA Response (Steward and Associates, 2004) and the Snohomish County SMP EIS for additional descriptions of these surface waters.

b. Will the project require any work over, in or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. The legislation will regulate land use and development within 200 feet of said waters. As this is a non-project action, no work or construction activity is proposed. All development, including any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet of the ordinary high water mark) of one of the Shorelines of the State (summarized above) including any associated features would be reviewed under the City's Shoreline Master Program. The Draft SMP provides policies and regulations for types of land use and development that may be permitted in shorelines.

c. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface of water or wetlands, and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction, filling, dredging or grading is proposed.

d. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose and approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction, water withdrawals, or water diversions are proposed.

e. Does the proposal lie within any 100-year flood plain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Yes. Areas along Blackman's Lake, Pilchuck River, and Snohomish River are designated as flood hazard areas (see NFIP FIRMs). This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific.

f. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste material to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity or discharge of waste material is proposed.

2. Ground:

a. Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose and approximate quantities, if known.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity, ground water withdrawal, or discharge to ground water is proposed.

b. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

3. Water Runoff (including storm water):

a. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (including quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity or storm water collection or disposal is proposed.

b. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The proposed SMP addresses waste materials through policies and regulations that require that all shoreline uses control and properly dispose of waste.

4. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The proposed SMP addresses waste materials through the policies and regulations, and as described above, other regulations also apply to construction and land use in these areas. The SMP Update is intended to help enhance environmental protection in the vicinity of local (regulated) waters. New development proposals will be required comply with all applicable environmental controls relating to surface water, ground water, and runoff water.

D. PLANTS

a. Underline types of vegetation found on the site:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

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| deciduous tree:
alder, maple, aspen,
other: cottonwood and others | wet soil plants:
cattail, buttercup,
bulrush, skunk cabbage,
other: |
| evergreen tree:
fir, cedar, pine,
other: madrona | water plants:
water lily, eelgrass, milfoil,
other: |
| shrubs: numerous native and non-native | pasture: yes |
| grass: numerous native and non-native | crop or grain: |
| other types of vegetation: | |

The shoreline jurisdiction includes a wide variety of native and non-native vegetation. See the Snohomish SMP Update Inventory and Analysis for further detail.

2. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

3. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No threatened or endangered plant species are known to be present in Snohomish's shoreline jurisdiction.

4. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The proposed SMP would increase the requirements for vegetation conservation in the shoreline setback (either onsite or off-site), and provide similar protection as the existing critical areas regulations in other areas. The shoreline restoration plan outlines opportunities to preserve or enhance vegetation in the City's shoreline. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state.

E. ANIMALS/WILDLIFE

1. Underline any birds and animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

birds:

- heron, eagle, songbirds,
- other: crow, seagull, starling, robin plus many others.

mammals:

- deer, beaver, raccoon, squirrel, opossum, etc.

fish:

- bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish,
- other: See ESA Response, Steward and Associates, 2004.

2. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Threatened or endangered species known to exist within the Pilchuck and/or Snohomish River include Puget Sound chinook salmon, Puget Sound steelhead and bull trout.

3. Is the site part of a migrational route? If so, explain.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Several species of migratory birds and fish use Snohomish's shorelines.

4. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

The Draft SMP includes general standards that require all development to demonstrate that there would be no net loss of ecological functions as a result of the project. In addition, there are specific standards to preserve or reestablish vegetation. The Restoration Plan includes projects and programs that, if funded, would help to restore habitat.

Shoreline areas are also regulated as habitat conservation areas and as flood hazard areas. These regulations require the preparation of critical areas reports to evaluate and disclose potential adverse impacts to the environment. Where potential adverse impacts are expected, mitigation measures will be required to ensure no net loss in ecological function, and in some instances upgrade environmental conditions relative to existing conditions. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state.

F. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed projects energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific.

2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The Draft SMP does provide height limits that would help to control effects on adjacent properties.

3. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. All development would be subject to other regulations, such as the building code, that require energy conservation features for most structures.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

1. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

a. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Other Federal and State regulations regulate hazardous materials and are expected to provide adequate mitigation.

2. Noise

a. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity is proposed. The shoreline jurisdiction in Snohomish experiences noise from vehicular traffic, aviation activities, industrial uses, and general retail and service land uses. Some portions of the shoreline environment are relatively remote and quiet.

b. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction or change in use is proposed.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. The Draft SMP includes general standards requiring that proposed uses will be compatible with existing permitted uses. Projects will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and conditions may be imposed to limit noise impacts if appropriate. Where new, noise-sensitive land uses are proposed, it may be necessary to require more-stringent building construction standards to reduce potential for noise conflicts. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state.

H. LAND AND SHORELINE USE

1. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. The shorelines include properties in industrial commercial, transportation, recreational, and residential use. See the Snohomish SMP Update Inventory and Analysis for further detail.

2. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Historically, the areas in and around Snohomish were used for agriculture. Some lands near the confluence of the Snohomish and Pilchuck Rivers remain in agricultural/livestock use.

3. Describe any structures on the site.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. There are numerous structures throughout the shorelines, supporting the uses described above. See the Snohomish SMP Update Inventory and Analysis, and digital resources such as Google Earth for further detail.

4. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction or demolition activity is proposed.

5. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. See the City of Snohomish Land Use Designation Map (Figure LU-1 of Comprehensive Plan) for zoning classifications. See Title 14 SMC for information/regulations about the land use designations. Similar classifications exist for those shoreline areas outside Snohomish's corporate limits. See Snohomish County EIS for additional information.

6. What is the current Comprehensive Plan designation of the site?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. See the City of Snohomish Land Use Designation Map for "Comprehensive Plan designation" information. Similar classifications exist for those shoreline areas outside Snohomish's corporate limits. See Snohomish County EIS for additional information.

7. If applicable, what is the current Shoreline Master Program designation of the site?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. See Figure EP-3 (page 4-11) of the City of Snohomish Comprehensive Plan for existing shoreline designations. Similar classifications exist for those shoreline areas outside Snohomish's corporate limits.

8. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. The majority of shoreline jurisdiction areas are classified as environmentally sensitive areas (typically referred to today as critical areas). These include: habitat conservation areas, flood hazard areas, wetlands, and geologically hazardous areas. Similar classifications exist for those shoreline areas outside Snohomish's corporate limits.

9. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

None. This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific.

10. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None. This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific.

11. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

None, since no displacement impacts are expected.

12. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. The Draft SMP includes policies and regulations intended to ensure compatibility of development with shoreline adjacent uses. All development in the shoreline must also be consistent with the underlying zoning. Incorporation of the SMP policies directly into the Comprehensive Plan and the SMP regulations directly into Title 14 SMC will promote compatibility and consistency with other land use uses, policies, and future developments. The Growth Management Act requires that all land use policies and regulations be internally consistent. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

I. HOUSING

1. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high-, middle- or low-income housing.

None. This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific.

2. Approximately how many units, if any would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle- of low-income housing.

None. This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None as no adverse housing impacts are expected. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state.

J. AESTHETICS

1. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No new structures are proposed. Maximum building height prescribed by draft SMP 14.250.140C is 35 feet.

2. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No new structures are proposed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. See draft Policy Goal SMP 13 (page 20). The draft Regulations contain several provisions intended to create/protect public access to the shoreline. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

K. LIGHT AND GLARE

1. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No new lighting or illumination is proposed.

2. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No new lighting or illumination is proposed.

3. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific.

4. Proposed measure(s) to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. The Policies contain provisions to minimize light and glare impacts. The draft SMP Regulations contain provisions to minimize light and glare impacts. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

L. RECREATION

1. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. There are many designated recreational opportunities and facilities within the shoreline jurisdiction areas. See the Snohomish Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. It is likely that there are "informal" recreation opportunities in the form of social trails across private property leading to the shoreline. There are

privately-owned recreation facilities in the area, such as the Snohomish Soccer Club fields near the confluence of the Pilchuck and the Snohomish Rivers.

2. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction or land development is proposed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreational opportunities to be provided by the project or application, if any:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. The draft SMP Policies and Regulations make public access to and enjoyment of Waters of State a priority. Recreation facilities are permitted in most draft shoreline environments. The draft SMP does not promote the establishment of non-water-related recreational facilities (such as ball fields) within the shoreline jurisdiction area. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

M. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

1. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Downtown Snohomish is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Also see the City of Snohomish map of historic structures (Appendix B of the Snohomish Historic District Design Standards). There are likely to be archeological resources (e.g. middens) within the shoreline jurisdiction area, although their locations are unknown to City staff.

2. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site:

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. See response to M.1 above.

3. Proposed measure to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Several mitigation measures are proposed to help ensure no adverse impact occur. Several draft Policies and Regulations address historic and archeological resources. See Policies Goal SMP 8. See draft Policies Purpose Statement 2.4.1 and Management Policies 2.4.7 and 2.5.12, SMP 15.6. See draft Regulations. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

Federal and State regulations will continue to apply in Snohomish's shoreline jurisdiction areas. For example, SEPA will continue to apply, as will state regulations regarding discovery of archaeological resources and human remains.

N. TRANSPORTATION

1. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. See the City of Snohomish Street Atlas and the Snohomish Comprehensive Transportation Plan for information regarding the many street and road systems that provide access to properties within the shoreline jurisdiction areas.

2. Is the site currently served by public transportation? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Community Transit operates bus routes through Snohomish. The City of Snohomish does not own, operate, or fund transit systems. Community Transit routes are primarily run on Bickford Avenue, Avenue D, and Second Street.

3. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. This non-project action does not add or remove parking spaces.

4. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether private or public).

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction of roads or similar improvements is necessitated by this action.

5. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No "use" of transportation systems will occur. Shoreline activities typically utilize street and/water transportation systems. Water transportation may include recreational boating (including kayaking) and excursion boating (charter sightseeing boating). Rail and air transportation systems exist upon lands south of the Snohomish River.

6. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No vehicular trips would be generated by this non-project action.

7. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

No adverse transportation impacts are expected and no specific mitigation measures are proposed. Draft SMP Policies and Regulations relate to transportation, with the intent to ensure compatibility between transportation systems and natural functions. For example, roads and parking areas are to be located outside the shoreline area where possible, or at least as far upland as feasible. Overall, the SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

O. PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No increase in the demand for public services is expected to occur as a result of adoption of the SMP Update.

2. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on public services, if any:

None are proposed as no adverse impacts are expected. The SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

P. UTILITIES

1. Underline utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other (describe):

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. Most public utilities are available within the shoreline jurisdiction areas. Sanitary sewer and natural gas may not be currently available at all locations.

2. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity that might be needed.

This is a non-project, legislative action that is not site specific. No construction activity or need for new utility service is proposed.

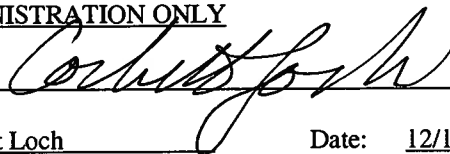
III. SIGNATURE

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury of the Laws of the State of Washington that the above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.


Signature

Corbitt Loch PDS Director 12/13/11
Type or Print Name Title Submittal Date

ADMINISTRATION ONLY

Administrative Review By: 
Title: Corbitt Loch Date: 12/13/11

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
NON-PROJECT ACTIONS**

FILE NO.: 19-11-CPA and 19-11-SEPA

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Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment. When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONSADMINISTRATION
COMMENTS ONLY

A. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The SMP would regulate development and redevelopment of land adjacent to and within three major water bodies and their associated wetlands. Construction of such development could potentially result in temporary increases in erosion, sedimentation, and turbidity in water bodies; dust and vehicle emissions from construction equipment and vehicles; use and storage of hazardous substances used in construction, such as fuel and paint; and noise from construction activity and equipment.

New developments, including new buildings, remodels, replacement, and redevelopment, are subject to all current regulatory standards in addition to the SMP regulations. Development in the shoreline area will be subject to applicable provisions of the building code, fire code, plumbing code, electrical code, environmentally critical areas regulations, and the City's stormwater design requirements, each of which provides some degree of protection from accidental releases of harmful materials to the water or air. All development and uses must also meet state and federal laws that regulate emissions and the production and storage of toxic substances and noise, including (but not limited to) the clean water act, the clean air act, and WAC 173-60-040 (related to noise). By establishing shoreline environment designations (SEDs) and specifying specific allowable uses for each SED, the Draft SMP is expected to reduce the likelihood of environmental impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

The draft SMP Update includes policies regarding protection of water quality. The SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development. See responses to preceding checklist. The draft regulations require avoidance of these potential adverse impacts.

B. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

As discussed in preceding checklist, no adverse impacts to plants, animal, fish or marine life are expected. The effects to plants, animals, fish and marine life are expected to generally be positive—because the SMP Update provides better reference to and consistency with current environmental protections. As the Growth Management Act requires compact, dense populated areas rather than low-density urban sprawl, the SMP Update accommodates that more-intense form of development and also protects natural ecological functions.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

See response above, and within the preceding checklist. The Updated SMP will provide better integration with applicable environmental controls (critical areas, endangered species, etc.). The

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C. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

It is not expected that adoption of an updated SMP would affect the rate of consumption of energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

No specific measures are proposed. Natural riparian environments are a form of natural resource and the SMP Update will increase the degree to which appropriate mitigation/restoration occurs. For example, within the Downtown Environment, it will be possible to locate mitigation off-site. This is expected to result in greater ecological benefit because the shoreline within the Downtown Environment is highly disturbed and armored. The SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

D. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection (such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands)?

It is expected that the SMP Update will have no impact—or will have a positive impact—upon these types of areas and resources.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

To a great extent, the purpose of the SMP Update is to enhance the protection and enjoyment of these types of resources. The draft regulations require avoidance of these potential adverse impacts. The SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

E. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

It is expected that the SMP Update will have no impact—or will have a positive impact—upon land and shoreline use—including issues relating to compatibility. A primary purpose of the SMP Update is to achieve these particular goals.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

The SMP Update is itself an important mitigation measure. The draft regulations require avoidance of these potential adverse impacts. The SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

F. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

No increase in these types of demands is expected.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None specifically. The draft SMP Update strives to move roads, utilities, and similar public infrastructure upland, away from the shoreline. This will in turn help protect these facilities from natural disasters such as flood events. The draft regulations require avoidance of these potential adverse impacts. The SMP Update is intended to reinforce or strengthen environmental protection of areas near shorelines of the state. Because most of the shoreline jurisdiction areas are critical areas, a SEPA checklist and threshold determination will be required for most new construction/development.

G. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment:

No conflict is known to exist. The draft regulations require avoidance of these potential adverse impacts.