



**MASON COUNTY**  
**Planning Division of Community Development**  
**Planning DEPARTMENT**  
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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**  
**(WAC 197-11-340)**  
**SEP2021-00035**

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**Description of Proposal:** Mason County is reviewing and updating its Shoreline Master Program (Title 17.50 MCC). This action implements the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (90.58 RCW), which governs the development of shorelines in Washington State. Local jurisdictions are required to periodically review their SMPs every 8 years and either update or provide Findings of Adequacy in accordance with the guidelines in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 173-26).

This SMP Periodic Update consists of revisions to the following Mason County Codes (MCC):

Shoreline Master Program regulations (Title 17.50 MCC)

Resource Ordinance (Title 8.52 MCC)

Development Code (Title 15 MCC)(administrative code)

The draft SMP continues to reference the Resource Ordinance (as revised per this update) for buffers/setbacks and other critical area regulations.

Citizen initiated request for SED Change:

Also, a citizen proposal to change the shoreline designation along two parcels from Conservancy to Rural has been submitted for review during this periodic review cycle. The subject area is the shoreline along parcels 32010-42-00010 and 32010-44-00020.

**Proponent:** MASON COUNTY

**Location of Proposal:** 411 W 5TH ST

**Parcel Number:** SHRLI0052021

**Legal Description:** PARCEL NUMBER FOR SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE 2021

**Lead Agency:** Mason County

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 Lead Agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

Please contact Marissa Watson at 360-427-9670 x367 with any questions. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The Lead Agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date shown below, when the determination is final. Comments must be submitted to the Dept. of Community Development, 615 W Alder St, Shelton WA 98584 by 05/27/2021. Appeal of this determination must be filed within a 14-day period



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following this final determination date, per Mason County Code Chapter 15.11 Appeals.

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Authorized Local Government Official

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Date

# **SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST- NON-PROJECT**

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## Mason County Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update 2021

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### ***Purpose of checklist:***

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

### ***Instructions for applicants:***

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

### ***Instructions for Lead Agencies:***

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

### ***Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:***

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.



## A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:  
**Mason County Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Update**
2. Name of applicant:  
**Mason County Community Services**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:  
**Marissa Watson | Project Manager | Senior Planner with MC  
360.427.9670 ext. 367  
615 W. Alder St  
Shelton, Wa 98584**
4. Date checklist prepared:  
**March 12, 2021**
5. Agency requesting checklist:  
**Mason County**
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):  
**Mason County intends to locally adopt the SMP Periodic Update by August or September 2021.**
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.  
**RCW 90.58.080 outlines a schedule for local jurisdictions to periodically update their shoreline master programs. Mason County was scheduled to take action to review and if needed, revise their SMP on or before June 30, 2020. SMPs are then required to periodically review every eight years thereafter, with possible supplemental amendments prior to the next eight year required review.**
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.  
**The periodic review involves analysis of the SMP for consistency with amendments to state laws and rules as outlined by guidelines provided by the Department of Ecology. The review also analyzes for consistency between the SMP and the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations, as well as consistency with the County's Critical Areas Ordinance. The review also allows the County to make revisions that provide clarity within the existing code, as well as incorporate new data.**



This review does not require additional environmental information to be prepared beyond what was prepared for the Mason County Shoreline Master Program comprehensive update that was adopted locally in October of 2017.

A citizen initiated Shoreline Environmental Designation Change Request has been submitted for review during the periodic review process. A Critical Areas and Shoreland Reconnaissance for Mason County Parcel Nos. 32010-42-00010 & 32010-44-00020 has been prepared by Alex Callender, MS, PWS, Land Services Northwest and will be available for review along with all the Periodic Review draft amendments.

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

No, this is a non-project action that applies to the SMP, Resource Ordinance, and administrative regulations.

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

The proposed documents will have to be reviewed by the Mason County Planning Advisory Commission and adopted by the Mason County Board of Commissioners in order to become law. Shoreline Master Programs are also reviewed by the Department of Ecology, with final approval residing within their department.

11. Give 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 that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

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Mason County's SMP was first adopted in 1975, updated in 1988, minor amendments in 2002 and 2006, and last comprehensively updated in 2017.

In accordance with Ecology guidelines, the periodically updated SMP is intended to analyze consistency between the SMP and amendments to state law, consistency between SMPs, comprehensive plans, and development regulations, as well as incorporate improved data and clarifications. In addition to revising the SMP regulations, this non-project action includes revising other codes as necessary to ensure consistency with the revised SMP (Title 17.50). Furthermore, during the review and update process, revisions were made to improve outdated or non-existent references, clarity, and internal consistency.

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12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

**Mason County**

Mason County is situated along the southwestern portion of Puget Sound and encompasses roughly 968 square miles. It borders on Jefferson County to the north, Grays Harbor County to the west and southwest, Thurston County to the southeast, Pierce County to the east, and Kitsap County to the northeast. Mason County remains a predominantly rural county.



Mason County includes 217 miles of marine shoreline, 343 miles of river (greater than 20 cfs) shoreline, and 149 miles of lakeshore (20 acres or greater). As required by 90.58 RCW, the Mason County Shoreline Master Program regulates the use and development of these waters as well as the associated 'shorelands' which are lands within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark and associated wetlands.

This SMP does not directly regulate areas under tribal ownership within reservation boundaries or areas outside of reservations that are in Tribal Trust. In addition, this SMP does not regulate National Forests or National Parks, except for non-federal uses and developments undertaken on federal lands.

Citizen initiated SED change request is limited to parcels 32010-42-00010 & 32010-44-00020. Legal Descriptions as follows: LOT B OF SURVEY 43/231 PTN OF PCL 6 OF BLA #97-01 & PTN OF G.L.'S 6-7 & SE SE BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT AF #2141374 S 48/78 & LOT C OF SURVEY 43/231 PTN OF PCL 6 OF BLA #97-01 & PTN OF G.L. 7 & SE SE BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT AF #2141374 S 48/78

## B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

### 1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

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

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

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

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

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

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



h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

## 2. **Air** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

## 3. **Water** [\[help\]](#)

### a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.
- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

### b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

2) 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.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

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

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

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

#### 4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

**5. *Animals*** [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:  
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:  
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

**6. *Energy and Natural Resources*** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.



- c. 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:

## **7. Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

- a. 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.
- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
  - 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.
  - 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
  - 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.
  - 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

### *b. Noise*

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
- 2) 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.
- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

## **8. Land and Shoreline Use** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated,

how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

- c. Describe any structures on the site.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

## 9. **Housing** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

**10. Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

**11. Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.



- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

### **13. Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

### **14. Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.





## D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

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.

The below questions are first answered as they apply to the draft amendments made to the SMP (title 17.50 MCC) and associated documents as part of the required periodic review under the authority of RCW 90.58.

The questions are then answered as they apply to a citizen request to change a shoreline environmental designation from Conservancy to Rural along two parcels mentioned in Section A. question 12.

1. 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?

SMP draft amendments and draft amendments to associated documents: Not Likely to affect.

Citizen SED Change Request: Not Likely to affect.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This periodic review and update does not retract the required minimum vegetated buffers and structural setbacks and mitigation for future project impacts that were established in the SMP comprehensive update adopted in 2017 and does not create new or revised policies and regulations that attempt to reverse the requirement of no net loss of ecological function.

Citizen SED Change Request is being sought in order to gain additional shoreline lots after a subdivision is applied for. The area was previously designated rural shoreline and only changed during the 2017 update. Whether the request is approved or not the subdivision with or without the additional shoreline lots will still have to meet all stormwater requirements and no discharge to waters of the state. It is not anticipated that the construction of SFRs within the subdivision will ~~not~~ produce



emissions, toxic or hazardous substances nor noise that is not typical for a residential development.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?  
SMP draft amendments and draft amendments to associated documents: Not Likely to affect.

Citizen SED Change Request: May Affect/not likely

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:  
This non-project legislative action is intended to continue the requirement for no net loss of ecological functions through the application of SMP policies and regulation to shoreline uses within Mason County. Protections include minimum vegetated buffers and structural setbacks and mitigation for project impacts.

If the citizen initiated SED change request, change of the shoreline environmental designation from Conservancy to Rural, is approved the required vegetative buffer would be reduced from 150' from Ordinary High Water Mark to 100', as well as only requiring a lot width of 100' rather than the 200' that is currently required under the Conservancy designation. The applicant's report states that no net loss of shoreline functions is expected to be maintained as no new shoreline stabilization, flood control, or vegetation removal is expected in the buffer. Please reference applicant report.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?  
SMP draft amendments and draft amendments to associated documents: Not Likely to affect.

Citizen SED Change Request: May Affect/Not Likely

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:  
This periodic update does not reverse the conservation nor the protection measures that were enacted through the last comprehensive update in 2017, such as retaining vegetated buffers, reducing the number of residential docks, limiting and in some cases prohibiting overwater construction unless a water dependent use, and requiring

additional requirements of the applicant to demonstrate need for new hard armoring of the shoreline.

The citizen initiated SED change request would reduce the required buffer from 150' to 100' and allow for a greater number of shoreline lots once subdivided. The applicant states that recreational use would not be lost and aquaculture would be protected. Erosion devices are not projected as a need and recreational use would be low impact due to the unsuitable nature of the shoreline for docks. Please see applicant report.

4. 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?

SMP draft amendments and draft amendments to associated documents: Not Likely to affect.

Citizen SED Change Request: Not Likely

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: The SMP and Resource Ordinance regulate many of these resources within Mason County in order to prevent net loss of shoreline or critical area ecological functions. Shoreline Environmental Designations aid in the consideration of which projects are compatible with the existing conditions, as well as determining what type of permitting and thus review is needed, whether it is solely review through the local jurisdiction or requiring a multi-agency approach.

Mason County contains several wilderness areas, which are owned by the US Forest Service and are permanently protected and not governed by the draft SMP: Olympic Wilderness, Wonder Mountain Wilderness, Buckhorn Wilderness, the Brothers Wilderness, and the Mount Skokomish Wilderness areas. There are no rivers in Mason County designated as 'wild and scenic'.

The broad environmental protection policies and regulations implemented through the last comprehensive update of the SMP and Resource Ordinance will not be lessened through this periodic update draft SMP. Protection of wetlands, marine waters, freshwater, and riparian habitats and shoreline ecological processes will not be reduced. Mitigation sequencing is still required for development within the buffers of lakes, saltwater, wetlands, and rivers. Public or joint use of shoreline



structures is still preferred over individual use, especially within marine water.

Historic or cultural sites are protected through the language within the policies and regulations of the SMP, in particular MCC 17.50.105. This periodic review and update does not alter the language that was adopted in the 2017 comprehensive update.

Most of the farmland within shoreline jurisdiction is located in river valleys. Existing agricultural uses are recognized as a conforming use in the SMP and therefore are not encumbered with shoreline permitting.

The citizen initiated SED change request will not affect parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wetlands, prime farmlands, threatened or endangered species habitat, or floodplains. There is a documented cultural site on the beach in close proximity to these parcels, but the current request is not anticipated to affect this sensitive area anymore than no action on this proposal. The applicant has state that if additional cultural resources are found on the subject parcels that the appropriate accommodation shall be made.

5. 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?  
SMP draft amendments and draft amendments to associated documents: Not Likely to affect.

Citizen SED Change Request: May affect/Not likely to affect

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:  
The purpose of this periodic update is to assure consistency with amendments to state laws and rules, as well as incorporating updated guidance from the Department of Ecology and providing greater clarity to existing language. This update does not reverse the protections implemented with the adoption of the 2017 comprehensive update. In general, the shoreline environmental designations are consistent with existing zoning, existing Comprehensive Plan designations, and existing uses.

The citizen initiated SED change request is proposing changing the Conservancy designation along two parcels that was established in the 2017 comprehensive update. The marine reach where these parcels are located is marine reach 29 and was



changed from Rural to Conservancy during the 2017 Mason County Comprehensive SMP update based on the findings of a Mason County shoreline inventory and characterization report. If this request is approved as part of the periodic review update, the uses allowed would not change but buffer requirements and lot width requirements would be reduced by 50' and 100' respectively, as well as no longer requiring a Conditional Use permit for an accessory dwelling unit. Any development would still require no net loss of ecological value and the applicant has stated no commercial or industrial uses are being sought. No physical shoreline modifications and/or docks are being proposed.

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

SMP draft amendments and draft amendments to associated documents: Not Likely to affect.

Citizen SED Change Request: Not Likely to affect

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

The draft SMP is not expected to increase any demands for public roads, utilities, and other services. The increase for amenities such as public docks noted in the SEPA for the 2017 comprehensive SMP update is not expected to increase even more based on the minor revisions to the regulations in this periodic review and update.

The citizen initiated SED change request should not increase the need for public roads, utilities, and other services beyond the need that would be required if no action was taken.

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

The proposal does not conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Any project proposed under this draft SMP must comply with state guidelines including "no net loss" of shoreline ecological functions. Final adoption of the SMP will require approval of the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The citizen SED change request does not conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

