

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**October 12, 2010**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN**

**RE: Public Review for Solid Waste Management Plan**

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Under RCW 70.95, Counties have the responsibility to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan. This Plan identifies all aspects of the waste system. Topics include strategies for handling garbage, providing recycling opportunities, separating out certain materials from garbage, as well as an overview of the County, population, and local historical information about these programs.

In 2007, this Plan was updated, approved and adopted by Mason County, the City of Shelton and the Department of Ecology. Due to significant changes since 2007, the chapter on recycling has been amended. This chapter covers the substantial changes in available opportunities since 2007.

In order to approve and adopt the amendment, a public review process allows 120 days for the proposal to be considered by citizens of Mason County, as well as the Department of Ecology. A Public Hearing following this 120 day period will be held as an open forum to discuss the proposed amendment.

This proposed amendment will be available online through the County website, as well as at the area libraries. Comments and questions should be directed to David Baker, Solid Waste Manager for Mason County at 427-7771, 275-4467 x771 from the Belfair area or [davidb@co.mason.wa.us](mailto:davidb@co.mason.wa.us). People are also welcome to attend the meetings of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, which occur in Building 1 at 6 PM on the second Thursday of each month. Information about the Committee can be found on the County website under Advisory Committees.

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Chair

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