



Klickitat County Shoreline Master Program Update

Virtual Public Information Meeting

February 8, 2023



Klickitat County
WASHINGTON

Goals for this meeting:

1. Provide background of the shoreline master Program (SMP) update, including project history, purpose, and framework
2. Provide an update on the recent work conducted by the County and upcoming steps in the process
3. Provide resources for more information
4. Provide an opportunity to ask questions of County staff



What is a Shoreline Master Program?

An SMP is a set of policies and regulations required by state law that has three basic principles:

- Protect the environmental resources of state shorelines
- Promote public access and enjoyment opportunities
- Give priority to uses that require a shoreline location

Still must:

- Protect Critical Areas
- Ensure No Net Loss of Ecological Functions
- Encourage preferred uses



Where does an SMP apply?

1. Applies to “Shorelines of the State,” which are waterbodies that meet certain criteria
 - Lakes equal to or greater than 20 acres
 - Watercourses with a mean annual flow greater than 20 cubic feet per second
2. 200 feet landward of the ordinary high water mark
3. Also includes shoreline associated wetlands, floodways, and up to 200 feet of floodplain when contiguous with the floodway



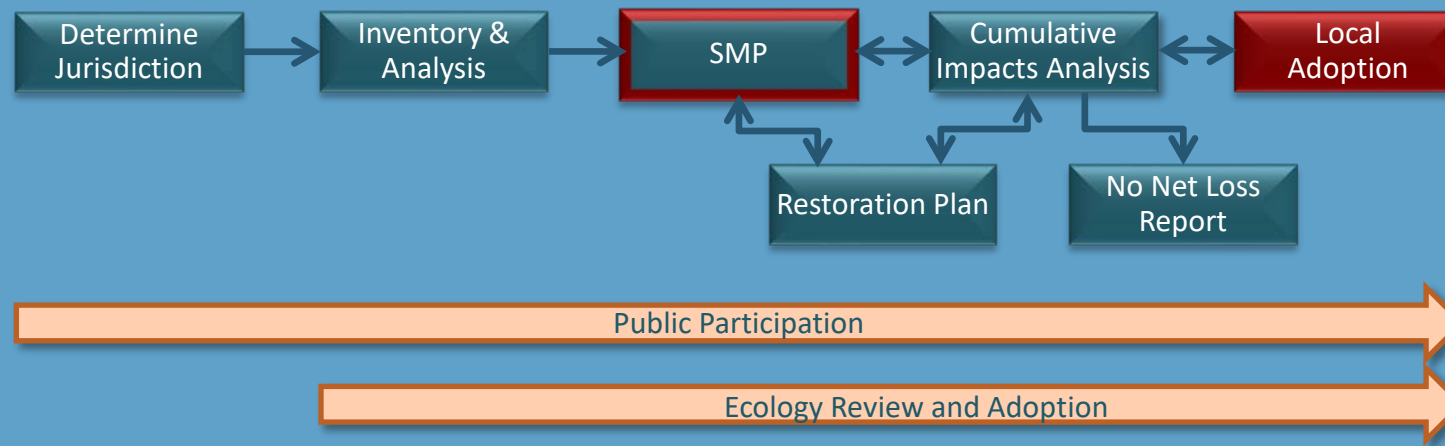
What is an SMP comprehensive update?

Documentation

- Shoreline Inventory and Characterization (2016)
- Complete update to the Shoreline Master Program Policies and Regulations (2019)
- Mapping of environment designations (2019)
- Cumulative Impacts Analysis (2019)
- Shoreline Restoration Plan (2019)
- No Net Loss Evaluation (2019)

Public Process

- Visioning Open Houses (2017)
- Open Houses (2017)
- Technical/Citizen Advisory Committee (2018)
- Planning Commission review (2017-2019)



Shoreline Environment Designations

Based upon:

- Criteria in the Guidelines
- Ecological condition per Inventory/Analysis
- Existing and planned land use



Recap

- Announcement of SMP process/invitation (2016)
- Shoreline inventory/analysis (2016)
- Community “open house” meetings (2 in 2017)
- Planning Commission workshops (5 in 2017)
- TAC / CAC workshops (3 in 2018)
- Planning Commission workshops (2019)



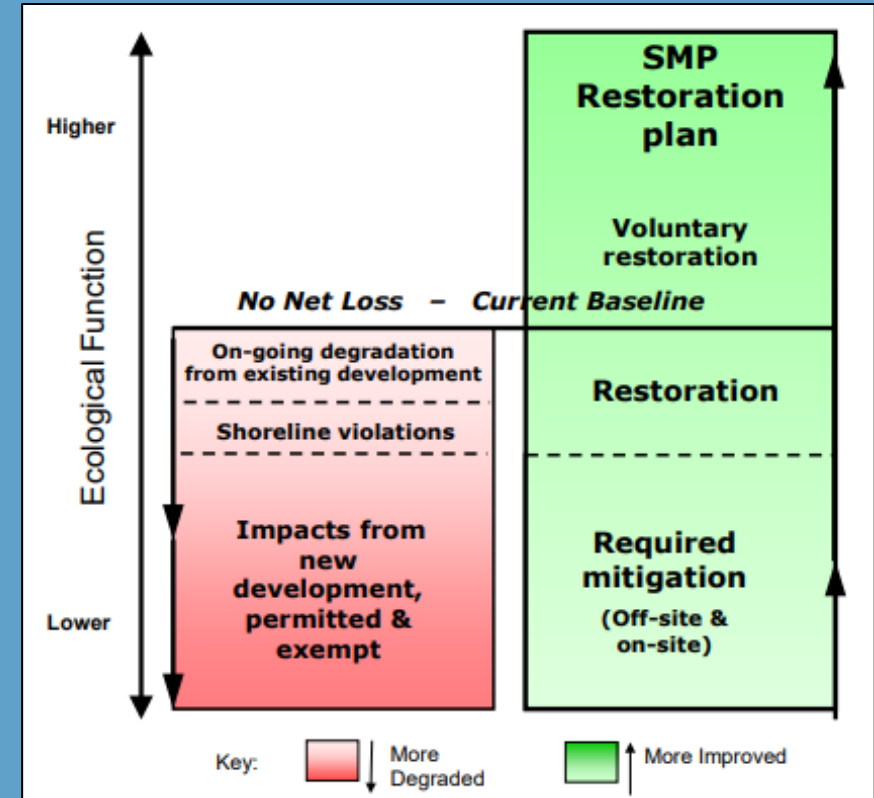
What is an SMP periodic update?

1. The state requires all SMPs to be reviewed every eight years
2. Periodic review is intended to keep SMPs current with:
 - Amendments to state law (WAC, RCW)
 - *Consistency with Ecology's periodic review checklist*
 - Changes in local plans and regulations
 - *Consistency with Comp Plan and development regulations*
 - New or improved data and information
 - *Consistency with latest Ecology guidance, science, and other improvements to the SMP's overall use and function*



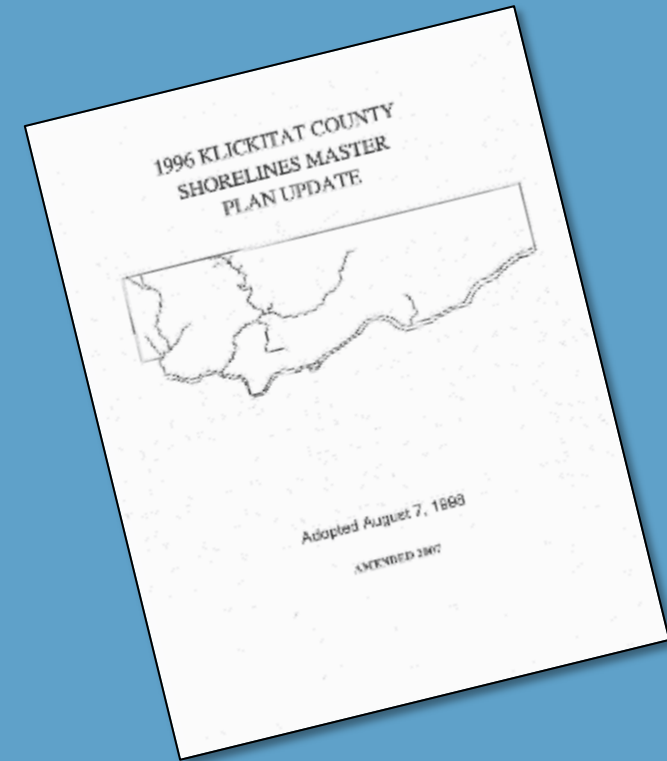
The SMP periodic review will not:

1. Re-evaluate the ecological baseline which was established as part of the comprehensive update
2. Extensively assess no net loss criteria other than to ensure that any additional proposed amendments do not result in degradation of the baseline condition

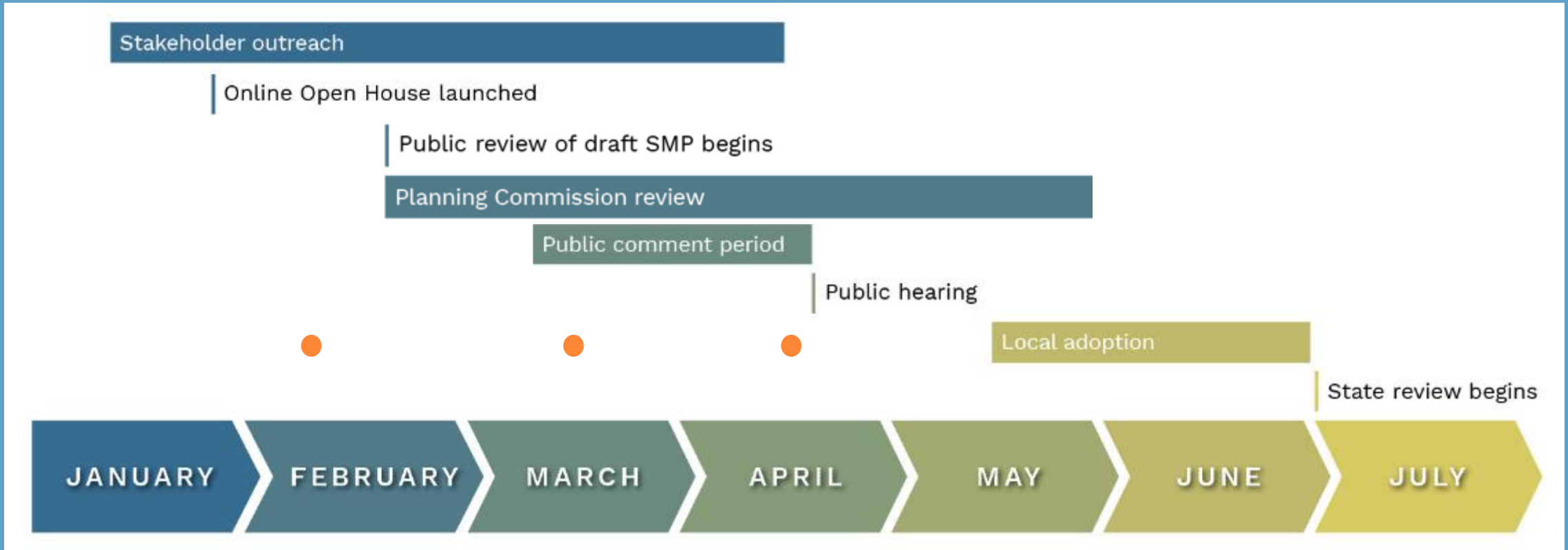


Key SMP Issues Addressed in 2019 PC draft

- Consolidated policies and ensured WAC consistency
- Added Rock Creek back to list of shoreline waterbodies
- Prohibit off-premise signs from within designated scenic areas
- Changed requirement for lot frontage to be consistent with zoning
- Adjusted wetland buffers to be consistent with 2018 Ecology guidance
- Administrative section revised to incorporate recent legislative actions



Anticipated Next Steps



2023 →

● Virtual public information meetings



How to get more involved?


- Visit the SMP Online Open House

<https://www.klickitatsmpopenhouse.com>

- Attend public information meetings
- Stay informed: sign up for email notifications
- Participate in the public review process

Klickitat County Shoreline Master Program Online Open House

Klickitat County is updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The updated SMP will represent a major overhaul of the County's existing SMP. This Online Open House will provide you with easy-to-digest information and ways to get involved and will continue to be updated until approval of the SMP. Visit [Klickitat County's official SMP website](#) to learn more.




Overview

Klickitat County is in the process of completing the Comprehensive Update and the Periodic Review of its SMP.

Both the Comprehensive Update and the Periodic Review are required for compliance with the state's Shoreline Management Act.

A public process for the Comprehensive Update of the SMP previously occurred between 2016 and 2019. This included community visioning workshops, Technical and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings, and Planning



Get More Involved

Attend virtual public info meetings

The County will be hosting virtual meetings that will feature a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Each meeting will be progressive and include the latest updates, so feel free to attend more than one.

[Meeting Schedule](#)

Send in questions and feedback

If you have any questions or feedback before the official on-record commenting period begins, please send them to:

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[Send An Email](#)

Subscribe to receive email updates

The County will be sending out emails at key points during the SMP update process. If you'd like to receive these emails, please subscribe!

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Additional information

Project website:

<https://www.klickitatcounty.org/1237/Shorelines-Master-Plan-Update>

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Thanks for listening

Questions?

