

PUBLIC ACCESS ELEMENT

The public access element deals with a need in providing shoreline access to the general public.

GOAL: TO DEVELOP A KCLICKITAT COUNTY SHORELINE PUBLIC ACCESS SYSTEM THAT INCREASES THE AMOUNT AND DIVERSITY OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO SHORELINE AREAS CONSISTENT WITH PRIVATE RIGHTS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE NATURAL SHORELINE CHARACTER.

OBJECTIVES:

A. Respect and protect the enjoyment of private rights on shoreline Property in public access development.

Policy 1 Shoreline access areas should be planned to include ancillary facilities such as parking and sanitation when appropriate.

Policy 2 Shoreline access should be designed and developed to provide adequate protection for adjacent private property.

B. Public access design should provide for public health, safety and enjoyment.

Policy 1 Public access should be improved and policed on publicly owned shorelines consistent with intensity of use.

Policy 2 Appropriate signs should be used to designate publicly-owned shorelines.

Policy 3 Facilities in public access areas should be properly maintained and operated.

Policy 4 Public access to and along the waters edge should be available in publicly-owned shorelines that are tolerant of human activity.

Policy 5 Within the shoreline environment, pedestrian and non-motorized access should be encouraged.

C. Priority for access acquisition should consider resource desirability availability and proximity of population.

Policy 1 A shoreline element in the parks acquisition and development program should be encouraged so that future shoreline access is acquired and developed by established criteria and standards as part of an overall master plan.

D. Public access should be provided in new shoreline developments.

Policy 1 Private property owners should be encouraged and offered incentives to provide shoreline access.

Policy 2 Public pedestrian easements should be provided in future land use acquisitions whenever shoreline features are appropriate for public use.

Policy 3 Access development should respect and protect ecological and aesthetic values in the shorelines of the state.