

## SHORELINE USE ELEMENT

The Shoreline Use Element deals with: 1) land use distribution and location on shorelines and adjacent areas, including, but not limited to, housing, commerce, industry, transportation, public buildings, and utilities, industry, agriculture, education, and natural resources, and 2) the distribution and location of water uses including, but not limited to, aquaculture, recreation, and transportation.

**GOAL:        PRESERVE OR DEVELOP SHORELINES, ADJACENT UPLANDS AND ADJACENT WETLANDS OR WATER AREAS IN A MANNER THAT ASSURES A BALANCE OF SHORELINE USES WITH MINIMAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE, WATER, AND ENVIRONMENT.**

### OBJECTIVES:

- A. Shoreline land and water areas particularly suited for specific and appropriate uses should be designated and reserved for such uses.
- B. Shoreline land and water uses should satisfy the economic, social and physical needs of the regional population, but should not exceed the physical carrying capacity of shoreline areas.
- C. Where appropriate, land and water uses should be located and designed to restore or enhance the land and water environments.

Policy 1 Shoreline land development should be concerned with the restoration of areas which are presently blighted by abandoned, dilapidated structures.

Policy 2 Shoreline restoration of areas and/or along shorelines should attempt to return degraded areas to a natural and/or rehabilitated state.

Policy 3 Shoreline land development should be concerned with the restoration of a functional riparian corridor.

- D. Location of new development shall be prioritized as follows:

- Policy 1 First priority should be given to those uses which are shoreline dependent and will have no adverse effect on the land and water environment.
- Policy 2 Next priority should be given to those uses which are shoreline dependent and which will have minimal adverse effect on the land and water.
- Policy 3 Next priority should be given to those uses which are shoreline dependent which may have significant adverse effect on the land and water environment.
- Policy 4 Low priority should be given to those uses which are shoreline dependent and which may have a substantial detrimental effect on either the land or water environment.
- Policy 5 Lowest priority should be given to those uses which are not dependent on shoreline.
- E. Like or compatible shoreline uses should be clustered or distributed in a rational manner rather than be allowed to develop haphazardly.
- F. Multiple uses of a shoreline should be encouraged where location and integration of compatible uses or activities are feasible.
- G. Unique and fragile areas of the shoreline should be protected from uses or activities that will have an adverse effect on the land or water environment.
- H. Non-residential uses or activities which are not shoreline dependent should be encouraged to locate or relocate away from a shoreline.
- I. Klickitat County should consider the goals, objectives and policies within the Shoreline Master Program in all land use management actions regarding the use or development of adjacent uplands or water areas, adjacent uplands and associated wetlands or streams with less than 20 cubic feet per second mean annual flow within its jurisdiction where such use or development will have an adverse effect on designated shorelines.