



Shoreline Master Program

Periodic Review Public Participation Plan



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Chapter 1

A. Introduction

The City of Centralia is conducting a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) as required by RCW 90.58.080(4). The required eight-year cycle for review ensures the SMP is current with Washington State rule and law changes, as well as local plans and regulations. It also ensures monitoring of shoreline activities and provides an opportunity to make updates, as needed.

A Public Participation Plan (Plan) is required to describe how the City of Centralia (City) will encourage public comment and participation on an early and often basis. The City strongly encourages public comment throughout the entire update process.

The Plan will provide guidance and outline the steps the City will take to give the public ample opportunity to participate in, provide feedback and vest in the update process. The Plan is in addition to other public participation requirements of Centralia Municipal Code (CMC) Section 20.02. The Plan is a working document and will be amended as needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation.

B. Public Participation Goals

The goals and objectives of the Plan are outlined as follows:

1. Provide a public involvement process that gives clear information to the public on the purpose of the SMP update and how the update process works.
2. Provide interested parties with timely information and multiple opportunities to review and comment on the proposed amendments.
3. Provide a transparent process which clearly documents all public input and makes all documents and procedures available to anyone who wishes to review and participate.
4. Encourage interested parties to review and comment on the proposed amendments throughout the update process and provide those comments to decision makers.
5. Actively solicit participation and comment from the general public, property owners and stakeholders regarding their questions, concerns and/or priorities for the SMP.
6. Provide forums for formal public input at project milestones prior to decision-making by the Planning Commission and/or City Council.
7. Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies and Native American Tribes.

Chapter 2

A. Outline of Public Participation Opportunities

The City is committed to providing multiple opportunities for public participation throughout the update process. The City will use a variety of communication tools including, but not limited to, those identified below to inform the public and encourage their participation in the update process.

1. Posting on the City website and Facebook page.

The City of Centralia website will include a SMP Periodic Review Update page where interested parties can access status updates, draft documents, official notices, meeting dates and minutes and other project information. The webpage will be the primary repository of all documents and information pertaining to the update process. The webpage will include staff contact information, mailing address and email link for questions and comments. A link to the webpage will be posted on the City's Facebook page.

2. Mailing list

A mailing list and email list of interested parties will be created, advertised and maintained by the City. This list will be used to notify interested parties of status updates and participation opportunities. The list may be modified upon request.

3. Open House / Planning Commission

The regularly scheduled Planning Commission meetings will be the primary forum for review and commenting. Open houses, workshops, etc. will be conducted at each regularly scheduled meeting until such time as the Planning Commission is ready to make recommendation to the City Council. Interested parties are encouraged to attend to provide comments and participate in the deliberations.

4. News Media Outlets

The local news media (KMNT/KELA and KITI/Live 95) will be kept up-to-date on the review process and emailed copies of all official notices.

5. Legal Notice Publication

The following notices will be published in the Chronicle:

- a. A notice of commencing the periodic review process at least 14-days prior to the first workshop date. Notice will be published one time.
- b. A notice of public hearing at least 30-days prior to the hearing date. The hearing will determine the final recommendation of the Planning Commission to City Council. Notice will be published two times.

Chapter 3

A. Stakeholder Identification

The following list of stakeholders has been identified. This list may be updated/modified as needed.

1. The general public: interested citizens inside city limits and in the UGA.
2. Property owners: property owners inside city limits who own property within the shoreline jurisdiction.
3. Organizations, environmental groups and non-governmental agencies as follows:
 - a. Olympia Master Builders
 - b. Black Hills Audobon
 - c. Chehalis River Council
4. Public, governmental and tribal agencies:
 - a. Centralia City Council
 - b. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
 - c. Lewis County Planning
 - d. Lewis County Conservation District
 - e. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
 - f. Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 - g. Department of Ecology
 - h. US Army Corps of Engineers
 - i. Department of Commerce - 30-day Notice of Intent required.
 - j. Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
 - k. Port of Centralia
 - l. Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
 - m. Cowlitz Indian Tribe
 - n. Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
 - o. Nisqually Indian Tribe
 - p. Quinault Indian Nation

Chapter 4

A. **Public Participation Timeline.** The following dates are anticipated to include public participation opportunities. The City will coordinate and consult with the Department of Ecology throughout this process. This timeline may be modified as needed.

1. Publication of intent to commence periodic review process: December 2020
2. Mailing, emailing and posting of public notices: January – February 2021
3. Workshop/Open House at each monthly Planning Commission meetings: February – March 2021.
4. Preliminary documents to Ecology for review. March - April 2021.
5. Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting: May 2021.
6. Adoption by City Council May - June 2021.
7. Submit all final documents to Ecology June 2021.

B. **Comment Periods**

The public will be encouraged to comment on the update project throughout the entire process. An official 30-day comment period will be published with the Planning Commission public hearing notice. The notice will be distributed in compliance with CMC 20.02.110 – Notice of hearing. Notice will be distributed to the standard SEPA contact list, stakeholders identified in Chapter 3 and the Department of Ecology.