

# SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

## **Purpose of checklist**

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## **Instructions for applicants**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

## **Instructions for lead agencies**

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## **Use of checklist for nonproject proposals**

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the [Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions \(Part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## **A. Background** [Find help answering background questions](#)

### **1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Update for Lincoln County

### **2. Name of applicant:**

Lincoln County

### **3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

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### **4. Date checklist prepared:**

March 2, 2023

### **5. Agency requesting checklist:**

Lincoln County

### **6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

The joint Ecology and County Coalition SMP public comment period will occur between early March and early April 2023 for a 30-day public comment period. Updates to the Lincoln County Coalition Shoreline Master Program (SMP) will be submitted to the Department of Ecology in late spring 2023. Local adoption of both the SMP and limited edits to the County's Critical Areas Ordinance capturing Department of Ecology's best-available science relating to wetland buffers is anticipated June 2023.

### **7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

This is a non-project action proposal. Lincoln County and its coalition including the Towns of Reardan and Odessa are updating the policies and regulations of its SMP to ensure consistency with related state and County and Town policies and regulations. Limited edits County-wide include amendments to the County's Critical Areas Ordinance to capture best-available science recommendations stemming from Department of Ecology's July 2018 Wetland Buffer Guidance. Site-specific applications for development within shoreline jurisdiction are considered separate actions and will be reviewed for compliance with the SMP at the time of the application.

- 8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

SMP Consistency Analysis, prepared by The Watershed Company, February 2023.

- 9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.**

This is a non-project action. Pending property specific development applications deemed complete by County staff are vested to the current policies and regulations of the SMP and Critical Areas Ordinance .

- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

The Lincoln County Coalition and the Washington State Department of Ecology must approve the changes to the SMP prior to the adoption of this proposal.

**11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

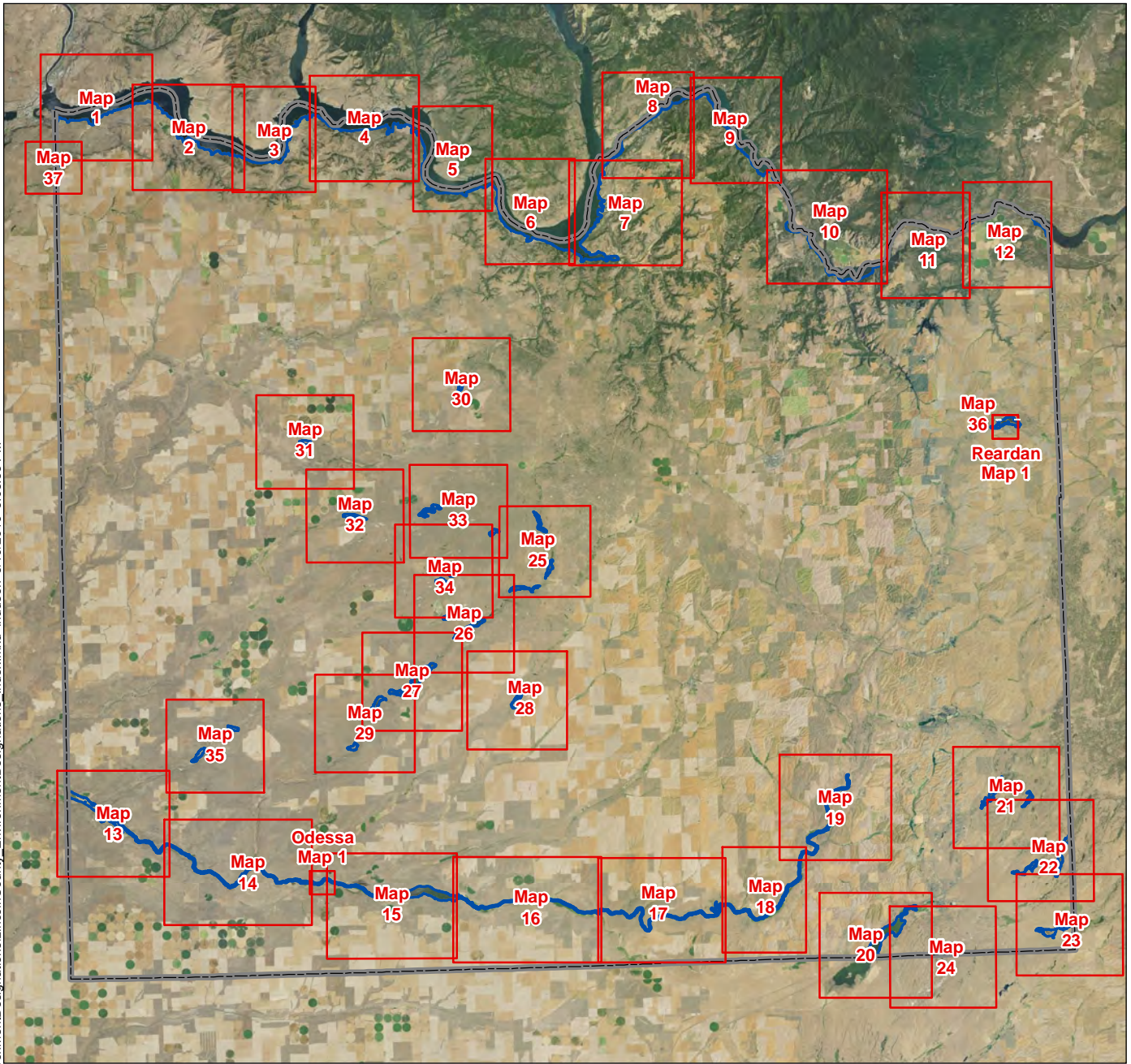
This is a non-project action. Proposed policies and regulations to the County's Shoreline Master Program are applied to shoreline jurisdiction within the County, the affected geographic area is the shoreline jurisdiction within the County, and the affected area is the shoreline jurisdiction within County limits. A summary of planned regulatory changes include:




- Updating the SMP to ensure consistency with changes in policy and regulation affecting shoreline management made by the state legislature since 2017, when the SMP was last updated. These changes are outlined in the Washington State Department of Ecology SMP Periodic Update checklist.
- Reviewing the County's SMP Critical Area regulations for consistency;
- Duplicating proposed edits focused on Ecology's July 2018 Wetland Buffer Guidance to within the SMP Critical Area regulations to within the County Critical Areas Ordinance.
- Evaluating consistency of the County's current SMP with both the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code regulations.

**12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

The updated SMP will apply in the County's shoreline jurisdiction. The County's shoreline SMP encompasses shoreline along four rivers and streams, and 37 lakes. Lincoln County's shoreline jurisdiction includes all shoreline within the unincorporated County. The Lincoln County Coalition's shoreline jurisdiction waterbodies are listed below (the Town of Odessa's shoreline jurisdiction includes Crab Creek, and the Town of Reardan's shoreline jurisdiction includes the Audubon Lakes).

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**NOTES:**

1. This information is to be used for planning purposes only.
2. Data are displayed as is and without any guarantee of accuracy or completeness.
3. Aerial imagery courtesy of USDA NAIP (2015).
4. Lincoln County's shoreline jurisdiction for Columbia and Spokane rivers ends in the middle of these rivers.



## B. Environmental Elements

### 1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)

#### a. General description of the site:

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**2. Air** [Find help answering air questions](#)

**a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**3. Water** [Find help answering water questions](#)

**a. Surface Water:** [Find help answering surface water questions](#)

**1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

By definition, the SMP addresses rivers, perennial streams with flows over 20 cubic feet per second, and associated wetlands and floodways. The specific rivers, streams and lakes that are regulated within Lincoln County shoreline jurisdiction are:

Columbia River	Crab Creek
Spokane River	Negro Creek
Ames Lake	Bergeau Lake
Browns Lake	Coffee Pot Lake
Cormana Lake	Deer Springs Lake
Downs Lake	Fishtrap Lake
Florence Lake	Fourth of July Lake
Goetz Lake	Greenwood Lake
H Lake	Little Falls Reservoir
Long Lake	Long Lake Reservoir
Meadow Lake	Peterson Lake
Phillips Lake	Sprague Lake
Sullivan Lake	Swanson Lake – Lower
Swanson Lake – Upper	Sylvan Lake
Tavares Lake	Twin Lakes – Lower
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Wills Lake	

- 2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- 3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- 4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- 5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal. However, the project will be within portions of the 100-year floodplain for waterbodies that meet shorelines of the state definition criteria, as established in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.58.030.

- 6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**b. Ground Water:** [Find help answering ground water questions](#)

- 1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal



**c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):**

- a) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

- b) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

- c) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

- d) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

#### 4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

**a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

Not applicable, this is a nonproject action. However, a variety of vegetation can be found in the shoreline jurisdiction area.

**b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

Not applicable, this is a nonproject action. When a specific application is submitted, the kind and amount of vegetation to be removed or altered will depend on County requirements, which would be reflected in an approved landscape plan.

**c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.**

N/A, this is a non-project action proposal. The SMP contains policies and regulations governing alterations to shoreline vegetation, and requiring suitable mitigation. When required, site-specific information will be provided by applicants at the time of submittal for a project.

**e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

#### 5. Animals [Find help answering animal questions](#)

**a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

**Examples include:**

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action. A variety of birds, mammals, and fish are known to have habitat within shoreline jurisdiction.

**b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action. However, steelhead may migrate through the County's shoreline jurisdiction.

**d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**6. Energy and Natural Resources** [Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)

**1. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**3. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**7. Environmental Health** [Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)

**a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

- 2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

- 3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

- 5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**b. Noise**

- 1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

- 2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

- 3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

**8. Land and Shoreline Use** [Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action. The County’s current shoreline jurisdiction encompasses four rivers and streams, and 37 lakes. Of those, five are considered shorelines of statewide significance (Columbia River, Crab Creek, Spokane River, Sprague Lake, and Long Lake Reservoir). According to the data reviewed on February 21, 2023 from the Lincoln County Assessor, current land uses in County Coalition shoreline jurisdiction include residential; recreation, industrial, agriculture, government services and vacant/undeveloped.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action.

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action

**e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action

**f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action

**g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?**

The proposed SMP includes eight upland designations:

- Natural
- Agricultural Conservancy
- Rural Conservancy
- Recreation Conservancy
- Recreation
- High Intensity – Public Facility
- Shoreline Residential
- High Intensity - Commercial

All areas waterward of the ordinary high water mark are designated Aquatic or Aquatic – Crab Creek. Proposed SMP designations can be seen on the Shorelines Map in SMP Appendix A.

**h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

The County's shoreline jurisdiction may feature critical areas including frequently flooded areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, wetlands, geologically hazardous areas, and aquifer recharge areas. County-wide, wetlands are also documented at a high level by data sources such as the National Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Mapper (<https://www.fws.gov/program/national-wetlands-inventory/wetlands-mapper>). Project-specific environmental information may be prepared by applicants in support of individual development or restoration proposals, including information to demonstrate compliance with SMP critical areas regulations, in addition to County-wide wetland regulations found within .

**i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

**j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

**k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal

**l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.**

The SMP was developed to be compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, as well as existing County and Town regulations. Future development proposals will be reviewed for compliance with County plans and regulations, including the SMP. In addition, the Washington State Department of Ecology must approve the SMP to help ensure consistency with the Shoreline Management Act

**m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**9. Housing** [Find help answering housing questions](#)

**a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**10. Aesthetics** [Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**11. Light and Glare** [Find help answering light and glare questions](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**12. Recreation** [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.



**13. Historic and Cultural Preservation** [Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

According to the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) WISAARD map, there are no properties located within the County shoreline jurisdiction currently listed on preservation registers.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject action. However, given the traditional tribal presence in the area, and the use of shorelines for sustenance and spiritual practices, archaeological features could be present along shorelines

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal. Project-specific environmental information may be prepared by applicants in support of individual development or restoration proposals, including information to address potential impacts to cultural and historic resources.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal. No changes are proposed to the applicable sections of the SMP.

**14. Transportation** [Find help with answering transportation questions](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

No.

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- f. **Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**15. Public Services** [Find help answering public service questions](#)

- a. **Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**16. Utilities** [Find help answering utilities questions](#)

- a. **Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.


- b. **Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

Not applicable – this is a nonproject proposal.

**C. Signature** [Find help about who should sign](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

 Recoverable Signature

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Signed by: 072cb5de-ad30-4257-a66d-fdec046a1efe

**Type name of signee:** Brianna Hines

**Position and agency/organization:** Environmental Planner, The Watershed Company

## D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)

**IT IS NOT REQUIRED** to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

### 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program and targeted edits to Wetland buffer standards within the County's Critical Areas Ordinance are not anticipated to increase any of the above. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws and ensuring consistency with the County's other plans and development regulations. Each project subject to the SMP will undergo a project-specific environmental review and be required to comply with policies and regulations designed to reduce environmental impacts.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

Policies and regulations included in the Shoreline Master Program and County wetland development standards and buffers provide regulatory authority in support of limiting impacts to the environment, such as discharges to water and toxic or hazardous substances. While not specifically addressed in the SMP as well as County wetland development standards, other regulations and project review processes apply to noise and air quality elements. Additionally, shoreline development standards require no net loss of ecological functions within and adjacent to both to shorelines of the state and wetlands County-wide.

### 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program and within the County's wetland development standards and buffers are not anticipated to significantly affect plants, animals, fish or marine life. As development occurs in

accordance with the SMP and surrounding wetlands County-wide, impacts to shoreline ecological functions will be avoided, minimized, or compensated. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws, making usability improvements and clarifications, and ensuring consistency with the County's other plans and development regulations, namely the wetlands rating system and Ecology July 2018 wetland buffer guidance.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

The existing Shoreline Master Program and County-wide wetland regulations includes measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish and aquatic life. Each project subject to the SMP and County wetland regulations will be required to comply with policies and regulations designed to protect and conserve these resources. New development within SMP jurisdiction must demonstrate no net loss of ecological functions within the shoreline. Further, development near wetland areas must adhere to wetland development standards and buffers regulations within the County's LCC sections 18.16.220 and 18.16.240. As needed, mitigation measures will be applied and implemented in order to achieve no net loss of ecological function.

### **3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the County Coalition's Shoreline Master Program and County-wide wetland regulations are not anticipated to affect the depletion of energy or natural resources. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws, keeping both the SMP and wetland regulations County-wide up to date with advances in best available science related to Ecology's July 2018 wetland buffer guidance and ensuring consistency with the County's other plans and development regulations. Individual projects submitted for review under the SMP or wetland regulations within Lincoln County Code (LCC) section 18.16.220 and 18.16.240 will be required to comply with policies and regulations in the SMP and the Lincoln County Code.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

No additional measures are proposed

### **4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

The Lincoln County Coalition Shoreline Master Program has been prepared to comply with requirements in state law, including RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26, for the protection of

environmentally sensitive areas associated with shorelines of the state. Further, the County-wide wetland regulations prescribed within LCC 18.16.240 (as well as those within shoreline jurisdiction) have been amended to capture Best Available Science from Department of Ecology, relating to their July 2018 wetland buffer guidance. There are policies and regulations included in the SMP that are designed to protect and preserve shoreline habitat to ensure no net loss of ecological functions, in addition to habitat corridor and wetland minimization measures for higher functioning wetland areas. The Shoreline Master Program also includes measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbances of historic and cultural resources. Project-specific environmental information may be prepared by applicants in support of individual development or restoration proposals.

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

The proposed Shoreline Master Program amendments are consistent with the requirement of no net loss of critical area and shoreline ecological functions to be achieved by a shoreline development proposal. Further, this incorporated Ecology wetland buffer guidance within both the SMP and County CAO will encourage impact avoidance and reduction of these site sensitive features. Each project reviewed under the Coalition's SMP and separate County CAO will be required to comply with policies and regulations designed to protect and conserve environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection. Adequate mitigation measures, based on the development standards in the SMP and Lincoln County Code, will be applied to and implemented for site-specific proposals in order to provide no net loss of ecological functions.

**5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program and wetland development standards and buffers prescribed under LLC 18.16.240 would not alter land and shoreline uses at this time. The proposed amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws and ensuring consistency with the County's other plans and development regulations.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

No additional measures are needed. Measures to avoid and reduce shoreline impacts are built into the SMP. Further, measures to reduce land use impacts toward wetland development standards and buffers are addressed within LCC 18.16.240.

**6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

The proposed amendments associated with the periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program are not anticipated to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. The proposed

amendments are primarily concerned with keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws and ensuring consistency with the County's other plans and development regulations.

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

No additional measures are needed.

**7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**

This non-project action proposal includes amendments associated with the periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program, which the County is required to complete under the Washington State Shoreline Management Act. Aims of the periodic review include keeping the SMP current with amendments to state laws and changes to local plans and regulations. The adoption of the Shoreline Master Program will ensure the County Coalition is in compliance with the requirements of Washington State law for planning and regulation of shoreline areas. Further, the County Coalition is using the periodic update of the SMP as an opportunity to conduct a targeted edit to the County-wide CAO, limited to Ecology's July 2018 wetland buffer guidance. This wetland buffer guidance will be reflected both within the County Coalition SMP and County CAO, thereby increasing the consistency between these two sets of regulations.