**City of Brewster**

**Shoreline Management Act**

**Periodic Review and Update Project 2022-2023**

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**Photo by Michelle Miller**

**Project Updates**

* Please take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrewsterSMP>
* Please review the SMP PowerPoint presentation

**Overview**

The City of Brewster is proposing a periodic review and update to the City’s Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Previously, the City adopted the Okanogan SMP and then comprehensively updated the SMP in 2012, which was approved by the Department of Ecology. The SMP is a combined planning and regulatory document that contains the City’s policies, goals, and specific land-use regulations for shorelines and consistent with the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) is intended to balance development, public access, and protection of natural resources and shoreline areas.

**What is the Shoreline Management Act (SMA)?**

The shorelines of the state are among the most valuable and fragile of Washington’s natural resources. The SMA was enacted to protect the shorelines uses and development. The SMA is a cooperative program between the local government (City of Brewster) and the State (Department of Ecology). Ecology acts primarily in a supportive and reviewing capacity and must approve SMPs.

**What is the Shoreline Management Program (SMP)?**

The SMP is a collection of regulations pertaining to shoreline protection, use, and development.

**What is a Periodic Review?**

The Periodic review is meant to look at what has changed in the community and in the rules and bring our SMP up to date. It is required every eight years, under RCW 90.58.080(4) to make sure the City stays current and complies with the requirements of the SMA.

**Where Does the SMA apply?**

The SMA applies to:

* All marine waters [none in Brewster]
* Streams and rivers with greater than 20 cubic feet per second mean annual flow
* Lakes 20 acres or larger
* Upland areas called shorelands extending 200 feet landward from the edge of the water
* Wetlands and deltas connected to bodies of water
* 100 year floodplains

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**How Can You Participate?**

The goal is to provide the public with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and provide comments before final decisions are made. To participate, you can do any or all of the following:

* Sign up for email updates and meeting notices; if you would prefer mail, please provide mailing address.
* Read the documents
* Attend public meetings
* Share your ideas and comment during the public comment periods
* Give testimony at public hearings
* Fill out the [survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TwispSMP)
* Attend the community meeting and provide comments

The City intends on scheduling at least three opportunities for the public to engage and provide comments.

**Project Steps and Milestones – March 2022 – December 2022**

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| City’s Public Participation Schedule | | |
| Summer 2022 | Determine Scope |  |
| Summer 2022 | Develop Public Participation Plan; Circulate to Community and Stakeholders; Submit to Ecology for Approval | Comments |
| August 16, 2022 | Launch Website | Comments |
| August 16, 2022 | Survey | Comments |
|  | Community Workshop | Comments |
| Winter 2023 | Review Amendments and Updates | Comments |
| Winter 2023 | Public Hearing on Draft Proposal | Comments |
| Winter 2023 | City Council Review and Public Hearing | Comments |
| Spring 2023 | Submit to Ecology for Approval |  |
| Summer 2023 | Adoption of Resolution |  |

**Links to Shoreline Materials**

The documents and links below consist of task performed and materials produced as part of the SMP update. Ecology provides grants to communities updating the SMP. Some of the documents are required deliverables as part of the grant agreement with Ecology. Project documents will be uploaded and linked here as they are prepared:

* FAQ
* Shoreline Master Program
* Public Participation Plan
* [Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TwispSMP)
* PowerPoint

**Contact Us**

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