

MEMORANDUM

TO: Citizens of Bellingham
FROM: Steven Sundin, Planning Department
DATE: June 4th, 2007
SUBJECT: 6-04-07 DRAFT Shoreline Master Program (SMP)

Please find attached the following materials:

- ⇒ **6-04-07 DRAFT SMP including APPENDICES A - E**
- ⇒ **ATTACHMENT 1 : Alternative Staff Recommendations for New Whatcom**

The 6-04-07 DRAFT SMP including APPENDICES A – E is the document that was recommended to be forward to the City Council by the Planning Commission on April 26, 2007.

The 6-04-07 DRAFT SMP includes input from the general public, various interest groups, a Technical Advisory Committee, Port of Bellingham Staff, Department of Ecology Staff, and City Staff representing various departments. (Most notably; Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Environmental Resources and the Planning and Community Development Departments.)

ATTACHMENT 1 is the set of Staff alternative recommendations that are different than those forwarded by the Planning Commission. This alternative set of recommendations is for the New Whatcom shoreline designation only. This set of alternative recommendations is for buffers, setbacks and height only.

This alternative set of recommendations for the New Whatcom shoreline designation was developed by City and Port of Bellingham Staff and a local Shoreline administrator from the Department of Ecology. The standards in this alternative set of recommendations were developed to balance the Shoreline Management Act requirements for resource protection and habitat restoration, (primarily anadromous fisheries) preserve certain shorelines for water-oriented uses, identify public access opportunities and facilitate economic development.

Please submit your comments in writing to the Planning Department at 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 or via email to: smpupdate@cob.org
Comments will be received up until the July 16th, 2007 Public Hearing.

The comments you submit will be included in the COMMENT TRACKER submitted to City Council at the July 16th Public Hearing for their consideration. THANK YOU!!!