

TOWN OF CATHLAMET  
ORDINANCE NO. 613-19

ACCEPTING ECOLOGY PROPOSED CHANGES AND ADOPTING THE SHORELINE MASTER  
PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE FOR REFERENCE AT CMC TITLE 14.20

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) established by Legislature in 1971 and ratified by the voters of Washington in 1972 (RCW 90.58) requires Town of Cathlamet to develop and administer a Shoreline Master Program (SMP); and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the SMA, the Town of Cathlamet adopted an SMP which has been effective since June 17, 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted a revised rule, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 173-26, for implementing the SMA, including guidelines for the comprehensive update and contents of SMPs ("SMP Guidelines") to ensure no net loss of shoreline ecological functions; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive update process is intended to bring the SMP into compliance with requirements of the SMA and SMP Guidelines, within the context of existing conditions, unique local circumstances, and community vision; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cathlamet was statutorily required to comprehensively update the SMP on or before June 30, 2014 for compliance with the SMA and revised rule; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cathlamet entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Wahkiakum County in April 2014 to participate in a regional SMP update as a joint effort, and upon the County's fully executed grant agreement with Ecology, the due date was extended to June 30, 2017 for local approval; and

WHEREAS, a joint Community Participation Strategy was prepared in 2014 in accordance with the SMP Guidelines to inform, involve and encourage participation of interested persons and private entities, tribes, and applicable agencies having interests and responsibilities relating to shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cathlamet coordinated continuously with Ecology throughout the update process, solicited Ecology comments on numerous, iterative documents during the drafting of the amendment, and worked collaboratively with Ecology to address local interests while ensuring proposed amendments are consistent with the policy of RCW 90.58.020 and applicable guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the SMA and SMP Guidelines, the following required background documents were prepared and are approved as technical companions to the updated SMP:

- Inventory and Characterization Report for Shorelines in Wahkiakum County and Town of Cathlamet (2017);
- Restoration Plan for Shorelines in Wahkiakum County and Town of Cathlamet (2017);
- Cumulative Impacts Analysis for Shorelines in Wahkiakum County and Town of Cathlamet (2017);
- Shoreline Master Program Submittal Checklist (2017); and

WHEREAS, there has been extensive public participation during the SMP update process including eight (8) meetings of a joint Shoreline Advisory Committee from 2014 to 2016; four (4) joint Public Visioning Workshops in 2015; sixteen (16) County Planning Commission workshops, open houses, and meetings from 2015 to 2017; and seven (7) Town Planning Commission open house and work session meetings from 2015 to June; and

WHEREAS, Wahkiakum County issued a SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-Significance on June 8, 2017 for the updated regional SMP; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cathlamet Planning Commission reviewed the proposed changes of the SMP update for application within the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cathlamet Town Council conducted a formal public comment period, legally noticed in the *Wahkiakum Eagle*, held a public hearing June 19, 2017 on the proposed SMP update, and upon deliberation the Council passed Resolution 356-17 to locally approve a 'Town-only' updated SMP for submittal to Ecology with the intention to adopt, thereby meeting the grant agreement due date; and

WHEREAS, the Town's SMP submittal package was determined by Ecology as complete on September 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ecology held a state comment period on the proposed SMP update from October 25 to November 30, 2017, and the Town of Cathlamet prepared a response to comments transmitted to Ecology on January 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, upon Ecology's June 17, 2019 conditional approval of the SMP update, and after considering required and recommended changes proposed by Ecology, the Town Council has determined that the proposed SMP amendment complies with all applicable laws and rules; and

WHEREAS, this completes the Town of Cathlamet's required process for SMP comprehensive update in accordance with RCW 90.58 and applicable state guidelines (WAC 173-26).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF CATHLAMET TOWN COUNCIL:

Section 1. Comprehensive Update. The Town Council hereby finds that the SMP comprehensive update required by RCW 90.58.080 has occurred, consistent with all State requirements, as described in the recitals above. And that the proposed revisions will further public health, safety, and general welfare.

Section 2. Required and Recommended Changes. That Ecology's June 17, 2019 required and recommended changes set forth as the conditional approval Attachments B, C, and C-1 are hereby accepted in full, to read as set forth in Exhibit 1 attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by this reference. Exhibit 1 is the final clean-copy SMP including Appendix 1 Shoreline Environment Designation Map.

Section 3. Adoption. The Town Council hereby adopts the above referenced SMP update and finds the amended SMP consistent with the requirements of RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26, as they apply to these amendments. The Exhibit 1 updated SMP fully repeals and replaces the 1975 SMP, and shall be referenced at Cathlamet Municipal Code Title 14.20

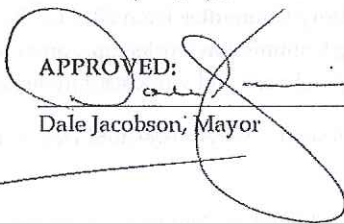
Section 4. Response to Department of Ecology. The Town Clerk is directed to send this response to Ecology's proposed SMP changes to the Department Director and the Project Manager for final review and formal adoption. If/Once approved by the Department of Ecology, no further Town action is necessary for compliance with RCW 90.58.080(4) for the SMP comprehensive update.

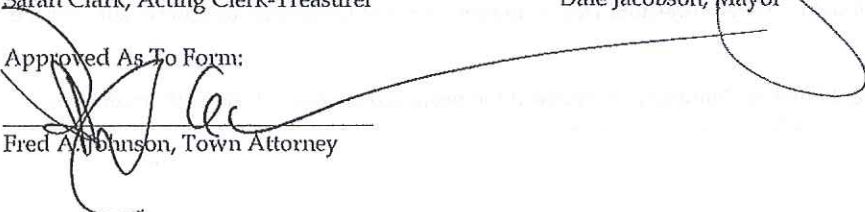
Staff is authorized to correct any typographical errors, spelling, formatting, or codification and to make other minor revisions to improve readers' comprehension of the document, provided any revisions do not alter the regulatory meaning and intent.

Section 5. Effective Date. The amendments to the SMP adopted through ordinance shall be effective 14 days after Department of Ecology's final action, as provided by RCW 90.58.090(7).

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session this 15th day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:   
Sarah Clark, Acting Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:   
Dale Jacobson, Mayor

Approved As To Form:  
  
Fred A. Robinson, Town Attorney