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## Shoreline Master Program Public Participation Plan

### Introduction

The City of Vader is undertaking a periodic review and update of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), which is a requirement of the State Shoreline Management Act (SMA) under RCW 90.58.080(4). SMPs must be reviewed and, if needed, revised every eight years to ensure that the SMP remains current with any changes in laws or administrative rules. The periodic review is also intended to ensure that the SMP remains consistent with changes in Vader's plans and regulations, such as the City's Comprehensive Plan, or Critical Areas Ordinance.

Under WAC 173-26-100, the Washington State Department of Ecology has developed the rules for completing a mandatory public participation process for the SMP period review. The purpose of the public participation plan is to provide ongoing, meaningful opportunities for public involvement in the review and update of the SMP.

The following public participation plan lays out the process as well the resources the City of Vader will make available to ensure that the citizens of Vader have the opportunity to be involved in this update, including access to public meetings and draft documents.

### Public Participation Goals

- Provide interested parties with timely information, an understanding of the SMP review and adoption process, and opportunities to meaningfully provide input into the drafting of the final SMP.
- Make information available to interested parties by maintaining an SMP page on the City's website with the latest draft of the SMP, upcoming meetings and open houses, and information on how to submit written comments to the City.
- Provide at least one Open House to present the draft SMP to Vader's citizens and to solicit their input.
- Consult with, and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Tribes.

### Public Participation Opportunities

- Website: The City of Vader will maintain an SMP Update page so interested parties can have access to the latest information regarding the update, including the latest draft, upcoming meeting dates, etc. The page will include contact information and an email link for parties to

send in comments. Links to the Ecology website regarding the update process will also be provided.

- Open House: At least one Open House, possibly in conjunction with a Planning Committee meeting will be held. A presentation of the mandated update process will be provided in addition to a discussion of the highlights of the latest draft. Comments received will be placed on the SMP web page.
- Notice Mailing List: An email list will be created for interested parties who want to be kept up-to-date on the latest developments in the update process. This list will be created through sign up sheets at public meetings, as well as through the City's SMP web page.
- Planning Committee Meetings & Hearing: Any discussion or review of the draft SMP at Planning Committee meetings will be advertised according to the City's normal procedures for providing notice, and opportunities for public comment will be provided at all meetings. At such time as the Planning Committee holds a hearing on a proposed final draft, public comment will be provided.
- City Council: When the proposed final draft is sent by the Planning Committee to the City Council for a vote on final adoption, public comment will be provided.
- News Media: The general public and stakeholders will be kept apprised of the update process through official notices of public meetings and open houses.

#### Public Comment Periods

The Planning Committee will provide a public hearing on the update. A 14-day comment period will be provided at the conclusion of the hearing for interested parties to provide written comments.

#### Update Timeline

SEE ATTACHMENT A.

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## City of Vader Shoreline Master Program Update Timeline

<b>Task</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
1. Review Shoreline Master Program and Draft Revisions, if Needed	See a, b, and c.
a. Review amendments to Chapter 90.58 and Ecology rules that have occurred since the SMP was last amended, and determine if local amendments are needed to maintain compliance.	September 2020
b. Complete Ecology's SMP checklist.	November 2020
c. Conduct any additional analysis deemed necessary to address changing local circumstances, new information, or improved data.	December 2020
2. Prepare amended goals, policies or regulations identified through the review process and identify those changes in the SMP checklist.	December 2020
3. Prepare draft Findings of Adequacy.	January 2021
4. Develop Public Participation Plan.	
a. Prepare Public Participation Plan that meets SMP Update statutory requirements.	September 2020
b. Disseminate Public Participation Plan to Planning Committee for review and approval.	October 2020
5. Conduct Public Participation Activities <sup>1</sup>	See a, b, c, d, e, and f.
a. Develop and maintain SMP Update website.	January 2021, then ongoing
b. Conduct an Open House to present draft Update.	March 2021
c. Notice Mailing List for interested parties.	March 2021
d. Planning Committee meetings and hearing	October 2020-April/May 2021
e. City Council meetings	June 2021 for final adoption
f. News Media	October 2020, then ongoing
6. Finalize and Adopt SMP	See a, b, c, d and e
a. Following Open House, compile public comments, and revise SMP, if necessary.	March 2021
b. If revisions are necessary, assemble a final draft SMP. If not, draft final Findings of Adequacy.	April 2021
c. Present final draft to Planning Committee.	April/May 2021

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to final Public Participation Plan for more details regarding each of the public participation activities listed in this timeline.