



## *Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners*

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To: Washington Department of Ecology

**Re: Wahkiakum County SMP Update Submittal**

This letter serves as notice of submittal of the updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for Wahkiakum County.

The County Shoreline Master Program was originally adopted for Shorelines in both Wahkiakum County, and the Town of Cathlamet in November 1980. Wahkiakum County and the Town of Cathlamet began working on an updated SMP through a coordinated Interlocal Agreement in 2013. In 2017, the Town elected to move forward with the adoption process of the coordinated draft SMP update as a stand-alone for the Town only. Wahkiakum County elected to redraft the 2017 SMP update. The combined actions resulted in separate SMPs for the Town and County. The County proposed SMP update is intended to replace the previous SMP (adopted in 1980) to accommodate for an updated shoreline jurisdiction, state requirements, public input, updated land use trends, and updated ecosystem/natural resource information to protect the shoreline values and resources within Wahkiakum County.

The Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST), a council of governments with whom Wahkiakum County is a member, was the consultant on the project from 2013 through 2017. The current submission reflects proposed changes proposed by the Real Property Rights Advisory Committee (RPRAC). The companion documents including the Public Communication Strategy, Inventory and Characterization Report and Restoration Plan are products of the work done prior to the decision for the Town and County to adopt individual SMP updates. Submittal requirements have been updated to reflect the latest changes to the updated SMP.

The Wahkiakum Board of County Commissioners met on April 12, 2022, and unanimously voted to adopt the SMP update in its current form via Resolution No. 53-22. This submission package includes the locally adopted version of the SMP and the associated supplemental material for review by the Washington Department of Ecology.

Thank you,

Beth Johnson  
Clerk of the Board