

Example Public Notice for Public Comment Period: Findings of Adequacy

This is an example of a public notice for a periodic review under WAC 173-26-090, where the jurisdiction is adopting Findings of Adequacy, and is using the optional Joint Review process under WAC 173-26-104.

Ecology rules require publishing notice at WAC 173-26-090(2)(c)(i). The joint review process requires a public comment period of at least thirty days.

[Name of jurisdiction] and Department of Ecology

Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

The [name of jurisdiction] and Washington Dept. of Ecology are accepting comments on a periodic review of the [city's/county's] shoreline master program (SMP) under RCW 90.58.080(4). The [city/county] has reviewed the SMP and finds it remains consistent with applicable laws, rules and the [city/county] comprehensive plan. The [city/county] is proposing no revisions and anticipates adopting findings of adequacy under WAC 173-26-090(2)(c)(i).

Public comment will be accepted from [date] to [date] at 5 p.m. A joint local/state public hearing is set for [date and time] at [location]. Send comments to [city/county] staff member [name] at [address, email]. Comments sent to the [city/county] will be forwarded to the Dept. of Ecology.

Documents indicating how the existing SMP remains consistent with current state requirements are available for review at [insert local government website] and the [city/county Planning Department] at [address].

Example Media Release (and/or email) for Public Comment Period and Hearing: *Findings of Adequacy*

Issued: [date]

Subject line:

The [name of jurisdiction] and Dept. of Ecology seek public comment regarding the [City's/County's] Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review.

Text:

The [name of jurisdiction] and Washington Department of Ecology are seeking comments on the [name of jurisdiction] Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review. The joint local/state public comment period will run from [date] through [date, at 5 p.m.].

The [City/County] is required to review its SMP on an eight-year schedule set in state law, and revise it if necessary. The review ensures the SMP keeps up with changes in state law, changes in other [city/county] plans and regulations, and other changed local circumstances.

The [city/county] and Ecology have conducted an initial review of the SMP and determined no changes are needed at this time. The [city/county] has prepared a checklist and staff report demonstrating how the existing SMP addresses current laws and local circumstances. Public comments and the [city's/county's] responses will be shared with Ecology. Once the [city/county] has made a final decision on whether to approve "findings of adequacy" or to propose amendments in response to comments, it will send either findings of adequacy or amendments to Ecology for approval.

Information about the proposed finding of adequacy is available at [name of jurisdiction] website: [link] Options for providing comments are on the website, or by calling [local information]

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