



Shoreline Master Program - Periodic Review

March 31, 2021

Amendments Proposed After Public Hearing

The City of Olympia is proposing amendments to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) based on the results of the Gap Analysis, as part of the Periodic Review. Additional amendments are proposed based on the recommendation of the Olympia Planning Commission and public comments received. The additional proposed amendments are as follows:



Planning Commission Recommendation:

1. SMP: The setback and vegetation conservation area for the portion of the Waterfront Recreation Shoreline Environment adjacent to Budd Bay shall be a minimum of 50 feet instead of 30 feet as recommended by staff, and
2. SMP: The term 'dredge spoils' shall be revised to 'dredge materials'.

In response to comments received, and in coordination from Ecology staff:

1. SMP: Section 2.5 – remove the phrase “waterward of the ordinary high water mark” to help encourage soft shoreline stabilization both above and below the ordinary high water mark.
2. CAO 18.32.400 – remove reference to marine and lake shorelines in reference to streams and priority riparian areas.
3. CAO 18.32.410 – change Type S streams to Type S waters.
4. CAO 18.32.435 – for Type S waters in the Stream Type and Description Table, refer the reader to the SMP for shoreline setbacks and Vegetation Conservation Area widths, since Type S waters are governed by the SMP.
5. CAO 18.32.435 – add a row for the buffer width of Priority Riparian Areas, a critical area with a 250 foot buffer.

Note: Revisions #4 and 5 are intended to provide greater clarity regarding when the SMP regulations apply and when CAO regulations apply for certain areas adjacent to Type S waters.

6. SMP 18.20.420 – Add a reference to CAO provisions in 18.32.435 regarding the Priority Riparian Area buffers.

Note: Revisions 5 and 6 are intended to provide greater alignment between the SMP and CAO for buffers of Priority Riparian Areas.