



# KITSAP COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: This DNS is being issued for proposed development code amendments related to Kitsap County's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic update.

Specifically, the County proposes to amend its Shoreline Master Program (SMP) in Kitsap County Code (KCC) Title 22 consistent with the requirements under the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA). The SMA requires the County to review, and if necessary, revise its SMP at least once every eight years. These amendments are intended to ensure consistency between the County's SMP, Chapter 90.58 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Washington Administrative Codes (WAC) and Washington State Department of Ecology guidelines that may have changed since the County last updated its SMP in 2014. In addition to proposed amendments to KCC Title 22 and as part of this SMP periodic update, other revisions are anticipated to Kitsap County development codes. These include:

- KCC Chapter 19.200: Washington State Department of Ecology updated its wetland buffer guidance to account for recalibration of the wetland rating criteria. As such, amendments to KCC 19.200.220 wetland buffer tables are proposed. It is also proposed KCC Title 22 will incorporate by reference the revised Critical Areas Ordinance in the County's SMP.
- KCC Title 15: Revision in the Flood Hazard Areas Code, KCC Title 15, definition for floodway.
- KCC Chapter 21.04: Proposed revisions to Project Permit Application Procedures related to shoreline variances and Shoreline Substantial Development Permit review authority procedures.

Proponent: Kitsap County Department of Community Development

Lead Agency: Kitsap County

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The update to the Kitsap County SMP and other proposed revisions is a countywide, non-project action. KCC Title 22 applies to unincorporated Kitsap County shorelines of statewide significance and all land within 200 feet landward of the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of all marine shorelines, lakes, rivers, and streams and shoreline-associated wetland systems. Proposed revisions to KCC Titles 15 and 19 also apply to the SMP jurisdiction but include lands outside of the SMP that include wetlands and floodways.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined this non-project action does not have a probable, significant or adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request and on the project website at [Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review 2020-2021 \(kitsapgov.com\)](http://Kitsap County Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review 2020-2021 (kitsapgov.com)).

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by March 4, 2021.

### COMMENTS:

This is a nonproject action per WAC 197-11-704(2)(b).

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