

# Okanogan County Shoreline Management Program Periodic Review 2022-2023

## Project Updates

County's Public Participation Schedule	
<b>Winter 2022</b>	<b>Project Overview and Initiate Public Participation</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Public Participation Plan</li> <li>Engage with Community and Stakeholders</li> <li>Launch Website</li> </ul>
<b>Winter 2023</b>	<b>Periodic Review Checklist</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present PowerPoint Presentation</li> <li>Review Periodic Update Checklist</li> </ul>
<b>Winter 2023</b>	<b>Draft Updated Master Program</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete draft SMP</li> <li>Review Draft Amendments</li> <li>Open House</li> <li>Initiate Public Review and Comment Period</li> </ul>
<b>Winter 2023</b>	<b>Public Review Process</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete SEPA Checklist</li> <li>Submit Checklist</li> <li>Revisit and Revise SMP Based on Comments</li> <li>Public Hearing with Planning Commission</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Comment Accepted</b></li> <li>Recommendation to Board of County Commissioners</li> </ul>
<b>Spring 2023</b>	<b>Board of County Commissioners Approval</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Draft SMP</li> <li>Public Meeting with Board of County Commissioners</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>No Public Comment Accepted</b></li> <li>Final Approval of SMP</li> <li>Adoption of Ordinance</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2023</b>	<b>Ecology Approval and Adoption</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit Draft Amendments and Checklist to Ecology</li> <li>Revise SMP, as Needed</li> <li>Submit Final Draft and Checklist to Ecology for Final Determination</li> </ul>

## Overview

The County of Okanogan is proposing a periodic review and update to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The County's most recent SMP was approved by the Department of Ecology on June 26, 2018. The SMP is a combined planning and regulatory document that contains the County's policies, goals, and specific land-use regulations for shorelines. The SMP helps our community plan for the future, balancing shoreline development with environmental protection, and provide for access to public shores and waters. The County wants to know what YOU value about shorelines and any issues YOU would like the SMP to address.

## What is the Shoreline Management Act (SMA)?

The shorelines of the state are among the most valuable and fragile of Washington's natural resources. The SMA was enacted to protect the shorelines uses and development. The SMA is a cooperative program between the local government (County of Okanogan) and the state (Department of Ecology). Ecology acts primarily in a supportive and reviewing capacity and must approve SMPs.

## What is the Shoreline Management Program (SMP)?

The SMP is a collection of regulations pertaining to shoreline protection, use, and development.

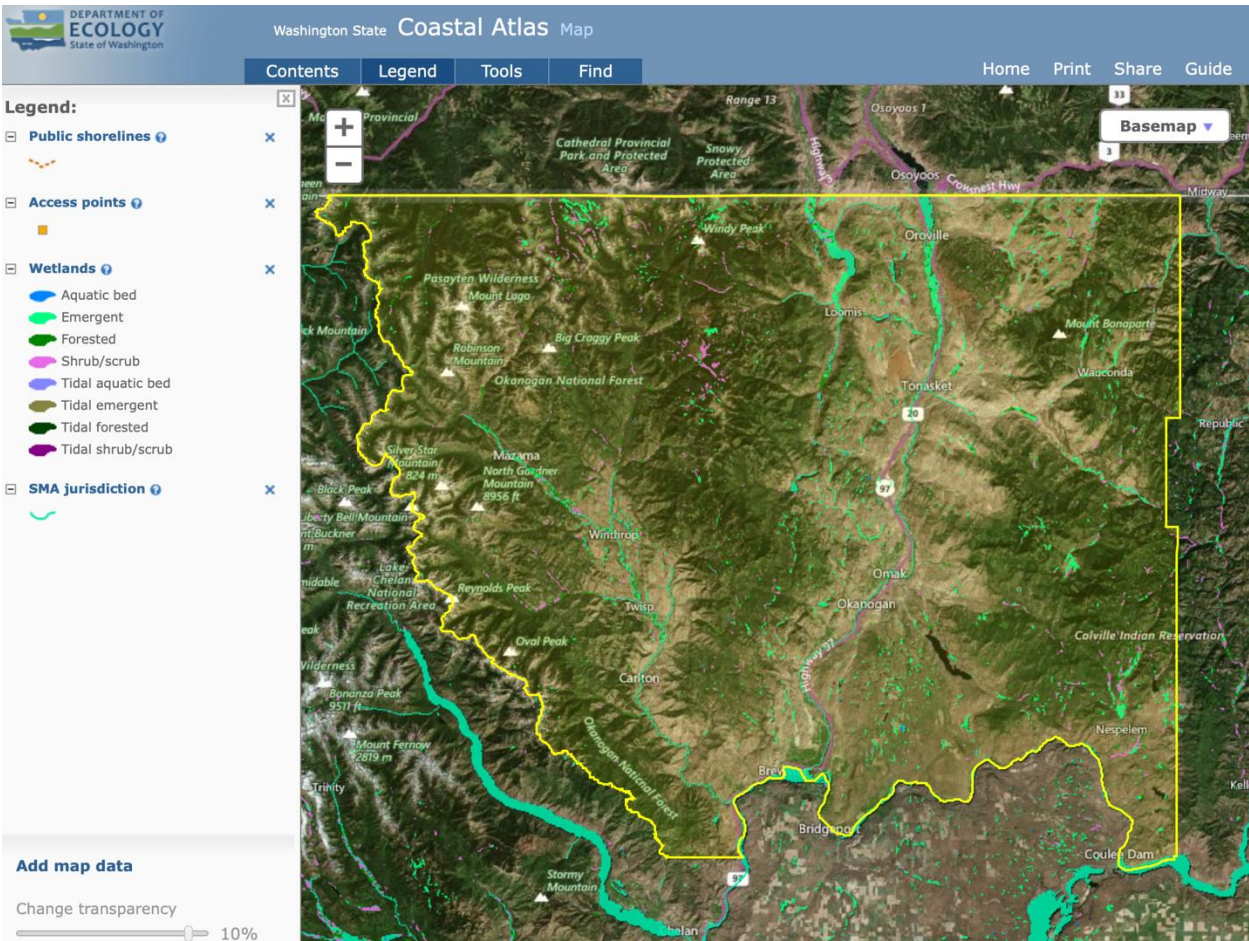
## What is a Periodic Review?

The Department of Ecology publishes a checklist of laws and rules that require local governments to review its SMP for compliance. The Periodic Review is meant to look at what has changed in the community and rules to ensure the County stays current and complies with the requirements of the SMA.

## Where Does the SMA apply?

The SMA applies to:

- All marine waters
- Streams and rivers with greater than 20 cubic feet per second mean annual flow
- Lakes 20 acres or larger
- Upland areas called shorelands extending 200 feet landward from the edge of the water
- Wetlands and deltas connected to bodies of water
- 100 year floodplains



<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/coastalatlus/tools/Map.aspx>

## How Can You Participate?

The goal is to provide the public with timely information, an understanding of the update process, and an opportunity to review and provide comments before final decisions are made. To participate, you can do any or all of the following:

- Fill out the 13-question survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OkanoganCountySMP>
- Read associated documents
  - o 2018 SMP
  - o 2022-2023 Public Participation Plan
  - o PowerPoint Presentation
- Attend public meetings
- Share your ideas and comment during the public comment periods
- Give testimony at public hearing

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