

June 20, 2011

Mr. Steve Gray  
Ms. Hannah Merrill  
Clallam County  
Department of Community Development  
223 East 4th Street, Suite 5  
Port Angeles, WA 98362



Re: Shoreline Master Program Update

Dear Mr. Gray and Ms. Merrill:

In preparation for the July 12, 2011 Shoreline Advisory Committee meeting, I know that you expect to provide the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization to committee members quite soon. However, I have not seen any detail on how members of the public and affected property owners are being notified that this document is forthcoming. Can you please advise what steps have been taken to date? I would like to ensure that property owners have sufficient time to review the Characterization document and I did not find any detail in the Public Participation Strategy dated March 2011.

As we move forward on the process, I respectfully request that the County be mindful of Clallam County age demographics. Not all property owners are computer savvy and many do not have any access to or knowledge of the internet and the County website. I do believe that postage costs and individual mailings in an actual envelope are a good investment as the SMP update moves forward.

As a member of Shoreline Advisory Committee, I want to be equipped with the means to explain to private citizens and members of the public how they can read and review the upcoming Characterization once it is checked off as complete during the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update process. I believe it is the primary duty of the County that vigorous effort is invested to notify everyone who owns property on the shoreline of the category in which their property is placed. If the Characterization was done by persons not fully familiar with a particular parcel, public review and comment allows property owners to share additional historical data.

For purposes of public participation and full disclosure, I ask that the upcoming Characterization be mailed to all affected property owners along with a summary statement describing:

- Date when any challenge to the planned characterization must occur.
- A procedure to follow to issue a challenge.
- A notice that the Clallam County SMP update requires different categories of shoreline to be finalized in 2012. Citizens need to know the category their

property is placed in could mean some or all of the property may be rendered useless.

I am willing to volunteer to help stuff envelopes or otherwise prepare mailings. Please let me know when and how I can help.

On behalf of private property owners and citizens of Clallam County, I thank you for your efforts during the SMP process. I look forward to learning how the County will inform and educate property owners affected by the SMP update.

Sincerely,



Jo Anne Estes



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