

Draft Clallam County Planning Commission Comments Related to the Straits Shoreline Inventory and Characterization (As of July 20, 2011)

General

- County should have laptop and printer available at future public forums to print the shoreline reach maps, as requested, rather than be instructed by staff to access the information on the County's website.
- July public forum presentations were too long, given the goal is to receive feedback. Attendees should be able to review their reach area and provide feedback during the meeting, in order to feel as though they participated in the process.
- The July Forum attendance was low and those that intended appeared to be struggling with the information presented and the questions to ask. Make shoreline reach information easier to access and understand. For example, place an insert in the Peninsula Daily News showing reach sections.
- Inform the public on shoreline issues/alternatives (e.g., armoring).
- Concern over issues of liability, safety, and sanitation related to potential regulations to require shoreline public access for development consisting of 4 or more lots.

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- Freshwater reach summaries, under "Ecology" "Riarian Vegetation" should be corrected to "Riparian Vegetation."
- Evaluate and incorporate archeological data for the Hoko and other areas.
- Potential need to improve public access in areas such as the bay at Slip Point, as there is no public launching in this area.
- The red dot on the individual reach sheet locator maps (i.e., red dot) is not always helpful in determining location of the reach. This is due to the small size of the locator map and lack of other geographic information (road names) on the aerial maps of the reach.
- Re-check zoning statistics on reach sheets. On a number of reaches, it was noticed that the percentages totaled over 100%. For example, on Clallam River Reach 2 sheet, the zoning figures are off as they equal 104%.
- For Clallam River Reach 1, questioned whether the information provided under parks/public land, being 1%, was accurate.
- Statement that there is no public access in Clallam River Reach 1 is not accurate. Public access is available in Clallam Bay to marine shoreline.
- Salt Creek Reach 1: The public access statement is incomplete.
- Salt Creek Reach 2: Clarify what is meant by a "semi-passable dam at river mile 6.5" needs clarification.