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Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:34 PM
To: Merrill, Hannah
Subject: FW: Comment period extended - SMP Update Public Participation Strategy

Hannah, these are some further and overlapping comments from one of our public involvement folks, Cedar Bouta:

I have a couple suggestions they may want to consider:

- Add a note to the Introduction about the SMP being a great opportunity for citizens to get informed and learn more about shorelines through this process.
- Also, add something more aspirational beyond providing input on decisions before they are made. Something like “engaging citizens in the defining the future of Clallam County shorelines”. They have some of this language in middle of page 3 - but not in the intro.
- 6.2 - Shoreline property owners list - is this the same list as Email list on page 13? If so, I wouldn’t list shoreline property owners separately, but integrate them into the description of the email list serve.

Clallam has public shorelines of regional, statewide, and national value and a high tourism population - they need to engage interested parties who have many legal rights to access, navigation, etc., even if these parties don’t own property or live in Clallam County.

- In the plan, they should identify how they’re going to engage these shoreline users. Tools they could consider are surveys at county parks and other shoreline access points, contacting recreational groups for mailing lists or putting articles in organizational newsletters (e.g. local Audubon) or tourism magazines, posting flyers at the Chamber of Commerce, local marinas, outdoor stores, and parks, etc.
- Survey’s are a particularly important tool for engaging visitors. Seasonal events provide a great way to engage visitors in sharing their vision for shorelines. They can use a survey to also find out the economic benefits of public access to shorelines.

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Hi Hannah

A few comments now, as my week is inundated with meetings. We talked about how to include the transient or tourist public in the outreach strategy, and I will find what I can for you by way of resources on that.

At front end of discussion of Public Participation Goals (page 4 in version I’m reviewing) I would add a statement like the following;

“Clallam County’s SMP needs to reflect the long-term desires of our communities for the preferred uses and allocation of waterfront lands. An SMP has to balance honoring private property use rights with upholding Public Trust rights of navigation and shoreline public access. The Guidelines provided by Ecology set the standards for what must be included in an SMP, and will be used to evaluate the resulting document relative to No-Net Loss of ecological functions being achieved. The County actively encourages participation by interested citizens during all phases of the SMP development.”

On your objectives (1) and (2) of being transparent and inclusive, most effective- consider adding a bullet about keeping current information about SMP development status available to the public for review and comment so they know what kind of input is appropriate/valuable/timely.

Another area to consider in your objectives is retrieval of useful technical or anecdotal information about things like public access that citizens may have which is unknown to the County, or at least not written down where its readily retrievable. Invite people to provide data as well as comments on what you are doing.

I wanted to give you more on this, and will gladly do so later-but in any case hope this is helpful for now.

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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED:

The Clallam County Board of Commissioner’s expects to adopt a final SMP-Update Public Participation Strategy on **Tuesday, ~~March 9, 2010~~ March 16, 2010 @ 10 a.m.** at the Board of Clallam County Commissioners Regular Meeting, 223 East 4th Street, Room 160, Port Angeles, Washington.

- *If we can receive your comments by Monday, March 8 it would be appreciated. This will allow the Department of Community Development to review, respond to, and incorporate your comments as part of the Board of County Commissioners advanced meeting packet. Please send your written comments to: SMP@co.clallam.wa.us*
- *Public comment is also welcome at the County Commissioner’s Meeting during the public comment period at the start or end of each meeting.*

Please view the **Shoreline Master Program Update Draft Public Participation Strategy** at:
http://www.clallam.net/RealEstate/html/shoreline_management.htm

Clallam County is updating its Shoreline Master Program, which regulates land use and development within 200 feet from rivers, lakes, streams, and marine shores. The SMP update process includes completion of inventory and analysis reports with corresponding maps and illustrations that characterize shoreline ecological conditions; development of shoreline policies, environmental designations, and use regulations; as well as analysis of cumulative impacts and uses, preparation of a shoreline restoration plan, and a formal local adoption process.

Thank you,

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