

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: Lewis County Board of County Commissioners

From: Lewis County Planning Commission

Date: June 8, 2021

Subject: Transmittal to the BOCC: Findings and Conclusions regarding Draft Revisions to Lewis County Shoreline Master Program

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this report is to transmit the draft revisions to the Lewis County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) to the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for board consideration.

General findings of fact:

1. As required by the State Shoreline Management Act (SMA) (RCW 90.58), local governments are required to prepare and adopt an SMP based on the State's SMP Guidelines.
2. Lewis County last adopted the Shoreline Master Program in 2017.
3. RCW 90.58.080(4)(a) requires counties to periodically review their SMP to ensure the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other Lewis County plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.
4. Lewis County is undertaking their periodic review and prepared a draft SMP with associated amendments to Lewis County Code (LCC) 15.35 Flood Damage Prevention, LCC 17.25 Shoreline Management, and LCC 17.38 Critical Areas.
5. Lewis County Planning Commission had three open public workshops on January 26, 2021, February 9, 2021 and May 11, 2021.
6. Staff at Lewis County issued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance for the draft on May 11, 2021.
7. Staff at Lewis County sent the draft to Washington State Department of Commerce on April 28, 2021 for the 60-day review.
8. The Planning Commission held a duly noticed Public Hearing on the proposed SMP update at its meeting of June 8, 2021

9. The Planning Commission deliberated the proposed revisions following the Public Hearing and voted to recommend that the BOCC approve of the proposal as written.

Conclusions

Based on the above findings and conclusions, the Planning Commission recommends that the Lewis County BOCC review the proposed SMP, LCC 15.35, LCC 17.25, and LCC 17.38 and forward the documents to the Department of Ecology for their review and ultimate approval.

Being duly authorized to transmit the recommendations on behalf of the Lewis County Planning Commission, I hereby respectfully submit this to the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.

Submitted by Lorie Spogen Date 6-9-2021
Lorie Spogen, Chair
Lewis County Planning Commission