

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

The help links in this checklist are intended to assist users in accessing guidance on the checklist questions. Links are provided to the specific sections of the guidance applicable to the questions. However, the links may not work correctly on all devices. If the links do not work on your device, open the guidance at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/apguide/EnvChecklistGuidance.html and navigate to the appropriate section.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: **Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Cosmopolis SMP Update**
2. Name of applicant: **City of Cosmopolis**
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: **City of Cosmopolis**
PO Box 2007 Cosmopolis, WA 98520. Phone 360-532-9230
Darrin C. Raines, Public Works / Community Development Director
4. Date checklist prepared: **May 31, 2016**
5. Agency requesting checklist: **City of Cosmopolis**
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): **N/A**
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. **N/A**
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. **Shorelines Master Program Update, Critical Areas Ordinance, Archeological and Historic Resources.**
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. **N/A**
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. **Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Commerce**
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) **This is a Non Project Review of the Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Cosmopolis Shorelines Master Program Update.**
12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. **The SMP encompasses the applicable shorelines within the jurisdictions of Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Cosmopolis**

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site: **N/A**

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **N/A**

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. **N/A**

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **N/A**

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. **N/A**

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **N/A**

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? **N/A**

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: **N/A**

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. **N/A**

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. **N/A**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into **N/A**

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. **N/A**
- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. **N/A**
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **N/A**
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. **N/A**
- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. **N/A**

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **N/A**
- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . .; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. **N/A**

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. **N/A**

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. **N/A**

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. **N/A**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: **N/A**

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☒ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☒ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☒ shrubs
- ☒ grass
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☐ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- ☒ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☒ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☒ other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? **N/A**

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. **N/A**

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: **N/A**

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. **N/A**

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. **N/A**

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. **N/A**

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. **N/A**

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: **N/A**

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. **N/A**

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. **N/A**

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. **N/A**

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: **N/A**

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. **None**

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. **N/A**

2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. **N/A**

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. **N/A**

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. **N/A**

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: **N/A**

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **N/A**

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. **N/A**

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: **N/A**

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. **The SMP will set standards and regulate uses within the Shorelines**

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? **N/A**

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: **N/A**

c. Describe any structures on the site. **N/A**

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? **N/A**

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? **Varies between Mixed Use, Waterfront Use, and Manufacturing.**

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? **N/A**

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? **N/A**
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
Some areas will be with the approval of the SMP.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? **N/A**
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? **N/A**
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: **N/A**
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: **The SMP references the Comprehensive Development Plan, Critical Areas Ordinance, Chehalis River Basin Flood Hazard Management Plan, and Grays Harbor County All Hazard Mitigation Plan.**
- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: **N/A**

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **N/A**
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **N/A**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: **N/A**

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? **N/A**
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? **N/A**

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: **N/A**

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? **N/A**
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? **N/A**
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? **N/A**
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: **N/A**

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? **N/A**
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. **N/A**
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: **N/A**

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. **N/A**
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. **N/A**
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of

archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
N/A

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. **N/A**

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. **N/A**
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? **N/A**
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? **N/A**
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). **N/A**
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. **N/A**
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? **N/A**
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. **N/A**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **N/A**

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. **N/A**
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **N/A**

16. Utilities **N/A**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: **N/A**
electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
other _____
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. **N/A**

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____

Name of signee **Darrin C. Raines**

Position and Agency/Organization **Public Works / Community Development Director**
City of Cosmopolis

Date Submitted: **05/31/2016**

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The SMP would not increase discharge to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: **The SMP will protect and regulate areas within the Shorelines to ensure all uses of this area meet the requirements of the SMP.**

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The SMP will protect plants, animals, fish, or marine life by not letting non-conforming and non compatible uses within the Shorelines.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:
Critical Areas and Shorelines setback requirements

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? **N/A**

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: **N/A**

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The SMP will protect Critical Area, Shorelines, Historic and Archaeological Areas with setback and mitigation requirements.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Environmental designations, policies, and regulation within the SMP will be followed to ensure any impacts within the shorelines and critical areas are conforming as allowed by the SMP and CAO.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The SMP would not allow or encourage non compatible uses within the shorelines or not allowed by other plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: **Proper Shorelines Master Program Administration will provide regulatory tools to prevent this from happening.**

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? **N/A**

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: **N/A**

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

Review of the SMP by the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the Washington State Department of Commerce will ensure this SMP meets the intent of the State of Washington and local planning efforts within the cities of Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Cosmopolis, and Grays Harbor County.

WAC 197-11-340(2) Determination of Non Significance (DNS)

DETERMINATION OF NON SIGNIFICANCE

City of Cosmopolis Shorelines Master Program (SMP) 2016 Update Non-Project Action Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Description of Proposal:

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Proponent: City of Cosmopolis, Darrin C. Raines, Public Works / Community Development Director, PO Box 2007, Cosmopolis, WA 98537

Location of Project: City of Cosmopolis City Limits

Lead Agency: City of Cosmopolis, WA

Findings:

- The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21 C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on these proposals for 14 days from the date of publication, allowing time for public comment. If you would like to comment on this Threshold Determination, comment must be sent by June 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM to PO Box 2007, Cosmopolis, WA 98537, Attn: Darrin C. Raines, Public Works / Community Development Director. The City will not take final action on this proposal until after the end of the comment period. The issuance of this DNS should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. The City of Cosmopolis reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City and or necessary for the general health, safety and welfare of the public. This DNS may be appealed. You may appeal

this determination in writing to Darrin C. Raines at Cosmopolis City Hall no later than
June 21, 2016

Responsible Official: Darrin C. Raines, Public Works / Community Development Director.

Phone: 360-533-4280

Address: PO Box 2007, 1300 First Street, Cosmopolis, WA 98537

Date: June 3, 2016



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