

Adams County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Update

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

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Comment	Response
<p><i>Washington Geological Survey (WGS) - Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Tricia Sears email February 22, 2023</i></p> <p>In keeping with the interagency correspondence principles, I am providing you with draft comments on Adams County’s Shoreline Master Plan update (Commerce ID# 2023-S-4800).</p> <p>I looked at the entire proposal and focused on areas related to WGS work.</p> <p>There are no revisions to geologically hazardous areas text except for one minor change. There are no revisions to text that includes mineral resource lands in the SMP.</p> <p>If you have not checked our interactive database, the WGS Geologic Information Portal, lately, you may wish to do so. Geologic Information Portal WA - DNR</p> <p>If you have not checked out our Geologic Planning page, you may wish to do so. Geologic Planning WA - DNR</p> <p>Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me. For your convenience, if there are no concerns or follow-up discussion, you may consider these comments to be final as of the 60-day comment deadline of 4/17/23.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>
<p><i>Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Letter – Eric Pentico –March 22, 2023</i></p> <p>On behalf of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), thank you for the opportunity to formally comment on the proposed amendments to the Adams County Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as part of the current Periodic Review. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) provides our comments and recommendations in keeping with our legislative mandate to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish and wildlife and</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p>

their habitats for the benefit of future generations - a mission we can only accomplish in partnership with local governments.

WDFW would like to take this opportunity to recognize the improvements we found in the Adams County SMP proposed amendments, including:

- Article II, Section 18.08.200, Page 12 – The adoption of the definition for ‘Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas’ as found in RCW 36.70A.030.
- Article II, Section 18.08.200, Page 18 – The recognition of Priority Species and that, “The state Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains the most current listings and should be consulted as necessary for current listing status.”
WDFW’s PHS Program is a source of best available science and provides a current PHS List, Map and Management Recommendations as resources for local jurisdictions.

WDFW also supports Adams County’s current buffer width requirements in the vicinity of streams and lakes in shoreline designated areas, found on Page 63 in Table 18.08.650-1 – Shoreline Management Buffers. The buffer width requirements are consistent with WDFW’s Priority Habitats and Species (PHS) publications on riparian ecosystems, focusing on the needs of fish and other aquatic wildlife (PHS Riparian Ecosystems, Volume 1: Science Synthesis and Management Implications

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/01987/wdfw01987.pdf>)

and PHS Riparian Ecosystems, Volume 2: Management Recommendations

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/01988/wdfw01988.pdf>).

We understand that updating the Adams County SMP to comply with state guidelines is a substantial undertaking and we congratulate you on your success in getting to this point. We look forward to continuing to work with the Adams County staff, its residents, and other customers during implementation of this newly updated SMP.

No further comments.