

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM
PERIODIC REVIEW REQUIRED BY RCW 90.58.080(4)**

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) requires Skamania County to develop and administer a Shoreline Master Program (SMP); and

WHEREAS, Skamania County adopted a comprehensive SMP update as required by RCW 90.58.080(2), which was effective as of December 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, RCW 90.58.080(4) requires Skamania County to periodically review and, if necessary, revise the master program on or before June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the review process is intended to bring the SMP into compliance with requirements of the act or state rules that have been added or changed since the last SMP amendment, ensure the SMP remains consistent with amended comprehensive plans and regulations, and incorporate amendments deemed necessary to reflect changed circumstances, new information, or improved data; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County developed a public participation program for this periodic review in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(a) to inform, involve and encourage participation of interested persons and private entities, tribes, and applicable agencies having interests and responsibilities relating to shorelines; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County has followed a public participation program, including maintaining a project website, providing notices to stakeholders and the general public, and holding a public workshop and hearing; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County used Ecology's checklist of legislative and rule amendments to review amendments to chapter 90.58 RCW and department guidelines that have occurred since the master program was last amended, and determine if local amendments are needed to maintain compliance in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(b)(i); and

WHEREAS, Skamania County reviewed the comprehensive plan and development regulations to determine if the shoreline master program policies and regulations remain consistent with them in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(b)(ii); and

WHEREAS, Skamania County considered whether to incorporate any amendments needed to reflect changed circumstances, new information or improved data in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(b)(iii); and

WHEREAS, Skamania County consulted with the Department of Ecology and solicited comments; and

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Planning Commission completed a review of staff

recommendations that no SMP amendments are necessary to maintain compliance with the Act or applicable guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County conducted a formal joint public comment period with the Department of Ecology in compliance with requirements of WAC 173-26-104; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County published a legal notice in the Skamania County Pioneer on February 3, 2021, and on February 24, 2021, and mailed said notice to interested parties for a public hearing on the proposed staff recommendation(s), including a statement that the hearing was intended to address the periodic review in accordance with WAC 173-26-090(3)(c)(ii); and

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Planning Commission took public testimony on the proposed staff recommendation at a public hearing on March 2, 2021 held virtually online via the Zoom platform; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County has determined that a Finding of Adequacy is exempt from State Environmental Policy Act review based on WAC 197-11-800(19), which covers resolutions or ordinances “relating solely to governmental procedures, and containing no substantive standards respecting use or modification of the environment”, or “text amendments resulting in no substantive changes respecting use or modification of the environment;” and

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Planning Commission reviewed the public testimony and written comments, and affirmed no amendments are needed to maintain compliance with the Act or applicable guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County provided Notice of Intent to Adopt to the Washington State Department of Commerce in accordance with WAC 173-26-100(5); and

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Board of Commissioners reviewed the record of Planning Commission review and affirmed no amendments are needed for compliance with the Act or applicable guidelines; and

WHEREAS, this completes the Skamania County required process for periodic review in accordance with RCW 90.58.080(4) and applicable state guidelines (WAC 173-26).

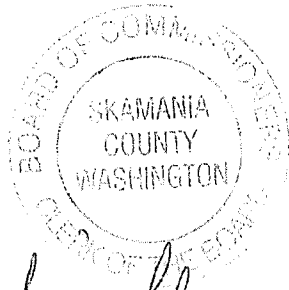
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SKAMANIA COUNTY

Section 1. Review and Evaluation. The Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the review and evaluation required by RCW 90.58.080(4) have occurred, as described more particularly in the recitals above, and adopts a Finding of Adequacy that the shoreline master program is consistent with the Shoreline Management Act and relevant sections of the Washington Administration Code.

Section 2. **Submission to Department of Ecology.** The Assistant Planning Director is directed to submit this Resolution adopting Findings of Adequacy to the Department of Ecology for final action. Once approved by the Department of Ecology, no further action is necessary for compliance with RCW 90.58.080(4) for the periodic review update due on June 30, 2021.

Dated this 20th day of April 2021.

ATTEST:



Debbie Alaw

Clerk of the Board

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Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0