

SMP Process and Key Principles

What is a Shoreline Master Program (SMP)?

A comprehensive shoreline land-use plan that:

- protects *shoreline processes*,
- promotes *public access*,
- accommodates *all appropriate shoreline uses*, and
- balances *public and private interests*

What's covered by the SMP?

The SMP applies to:

- *lakes* greater than 20 acres,
- *marine* shorelines and aquatic area,
- *land within 200 feet* of the ordinary high water mark of these waterbodies, and
- associated *wetlands*

What's the purpose of the SMP update?

The State requires Shoreline Master Programs to meet these goals:

- encourage *reasonable and orderly development* of shorelines
- *protect the natural character* of Washington shorelines,
- provide shoreline *recreational opportunities*, and
- promote *public access* to shorelines

San Juan County must update its SMP by **June 30, 2013**. The update is funded by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

