Seattle's Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Update FAQ

For additional information, see also:

- Seattle's Shoreline Master Program Floating On-Water Residences FAQ
- Seattle's Shoreline Master Program Moratorium FAQ

1) What is periodic review of Shoreline Master Programs?

The Shoreline Management Act (SMA) requires a periodic review of comprehensively updated SMPs. Local governments must review amendments to the SMA and Ecology rules that have occurred since the master program was last amended and determine if local amendments are needed to maintain compliance.

They must also review changes to the comprehensive plan and development regulations to determine if the shoreline master program policies and regulations remain consistent with them. Local governments should consider during their periodic review whether to incorporate any amendments needed to reflect changed circumstances, new information or improved data. The schedule to complete these reviews is established for every community by the Legislature.

2) How will a local jurisdiction know what laws and rules have been adopted since their SMP was amended?

Ecology has prepared a checklist of all laws and rules adopted, organized by year. The checklist is accompanied by a guidance document that explains each item. This checklist in available on Seattle's SMP Update website on the Project Documents page and at the following link:

Department of Ecology's checklist guidance

3) Will the SMP update be limited to addressing the moratorium issues or will there be more amendments to the regulations?

Seattle's SMP update will not be limited to the moratorium issues. This update will include updates that meet the Department of Ecology's periodic review and update requirements.

During the SMP update process information regarding the update including information pertaining to public input and proposed amendments will be shared with the public via the website and public meetings.

Below is the link to the SMP update website:

Shoreline Master Program Update - What & Why - SDCI | seattle.gov

4) How do I sign up to be notified for any information regarding the update of the SMP?

For anyone interested in being added to this listserv, please visit the SMP Update website at:
Shoreline Master Program Update - Get Involved - SDCI | seattle.gov

 On the "Get Involved" page there are instructions for people to add their e-mail addresses so that they receive notifications regarding the SMP update.

Below is a screenshot of this page.

SDCI won't be adding the e-mails from other notice or permit lists in case there are people on those lists who do not want to receive notifications regarding the SMP update. Any person interested in receiving notices for the SMP update will need to add their e-mail to the SMP listserv as described above.

5) How does Seattle and SDCI intend to meet the required Public Participation Program?

SDCI is currently working on the public participation plan. When the public participation plan is available it will be posted on the Project Documents page of the SMP update website at:
[Shoreline Master Program Update - Project Documents - SDCI | seattle.gov](#)