

Chapter 5

Goals for the Sumner Shoreline Master Program

Introduction

As required by the Shoreline Management Act in RCW 90.58.100, the following elements have been considered in the preparation of this Master Program for the City of Sumner: Economic Development, Public Access, Circulation, Recreation, Shoreline Use, Conservation, and Historical/Cultural Resources. The goals and objectives established for these elements are the basis for policies and regulations included under the general and specific use requirements of this Master Program.

Economic Development Element

Goal Provide for economic activity that is water-dependent, water-related, or that provides an opportunity for a substantial number of people to enjoy the shoreline (water-enjoyment).

Objective To plan for uses that benefit from a shoreline location.

Public Access Element

Goal Increase public access to the shoreline, and preserve and enhance views of the shoreline.

Objective To provide for public access to publicly owned shoreline areas, except where deemed inappropriate due to safety hazards, inherent security problems, environmental impacts, or conflicts with adjacent uses. Require dedication of property or easements to provide for a public access across private property as a condition of non-water dependent development.

Circulation Element

Goal Provide safe and adequate vehicular circulation systems to shorelines where routes will have the least possible adverse effect on unique or fragile shoreline features and existing ecological systems, while contributing to the functional and visual enhancement of the system.

Objective To allow vehicular circulation systems within shoreline jurisdiction that benefit permitted uses without degrading the environment or aesthetic values of the area.

Recreational Element

- Goal** Provide public and private recreational facilities along the shoreline wherever appropriate.
- Objective** To develop public and private recreation opportunities that are compatible with adjacent uses and that protect the shoreline environment.

Shoreline Use Element

- Goal** Ensure that the overall design of land use patterns will locate activity and development in areas of the shoreline that will be compatible with adjacent uses and will be sensitive to existing shoreline environments, habitat, and ecological systems.
- Objective** To promote the best possible pattern of land and water uses consistent with the Shoreline Management Act of 1971, the City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan, the City of Sumner Parks and Recreation Plan, the Sumner/Pacific Trail Master Plan, and the Sumner Zoning Code.

Conservation Element

- Goal** Preserve, protect, and restore to the greatest extent feasible the physical, biological, and visual attributes of the shoreline environment.
- Objective** Through the use of best available science develop and implement siting criteria, design standards, and best management practices that will ensure the long term enhancement of unique shoreline features, natural resources, and fish and wildlife habitat.
- Objective** To designate and develop areas where there is an opportunity to restore, enhance, and conserve the natural shoreline for the benefit of fish and wildlife habitat.

Historical/Cultural Element

- Goal** Identify, preserve, protect, and restore shoreline areas having historical, cultural, educational, or scientific values.
- Objective** To ensure the recognition, protection, and restoration of shoreline areas that have historical and or cultural value to the City of Sumner and create a unique “sense of place” for public facilities, recreation areas in the shoreline jurisdiction.

Flood Hazard Management

- Goal** Protect the City of Sumner from losses and damage created by flooding.
- Objectives** To seek regional solutions to flooding problems through coordinated planning with state and federal agencies, other appropriate interests, and the public
- To ensure that flood hazard protection projects having a positive environmental benefit that emphasize long-term solutions over short term solutions.