

# Shoreline Master Program

## Planning Commission



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# Shoreline Management Act of 1971

*“...prevent the inherent harm in an uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state’s shorelines.”*

RCW 90.58.020



# Policy Goals of the Act



Foster reasonable and appropriate uses



Protect natural resources

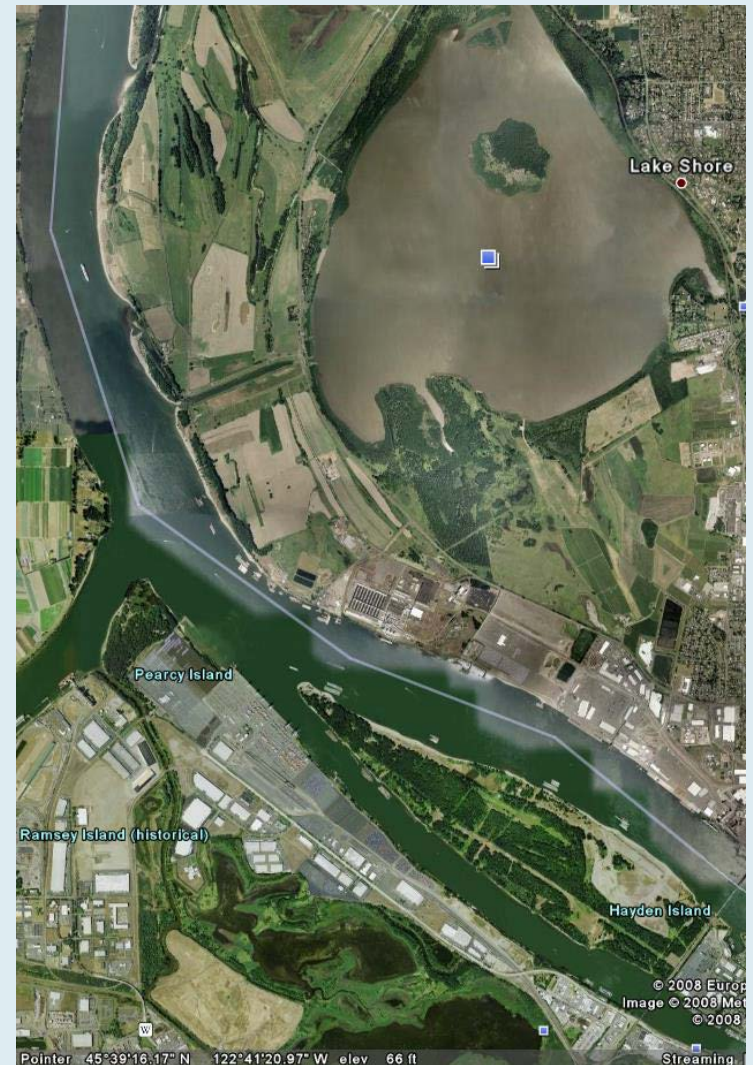


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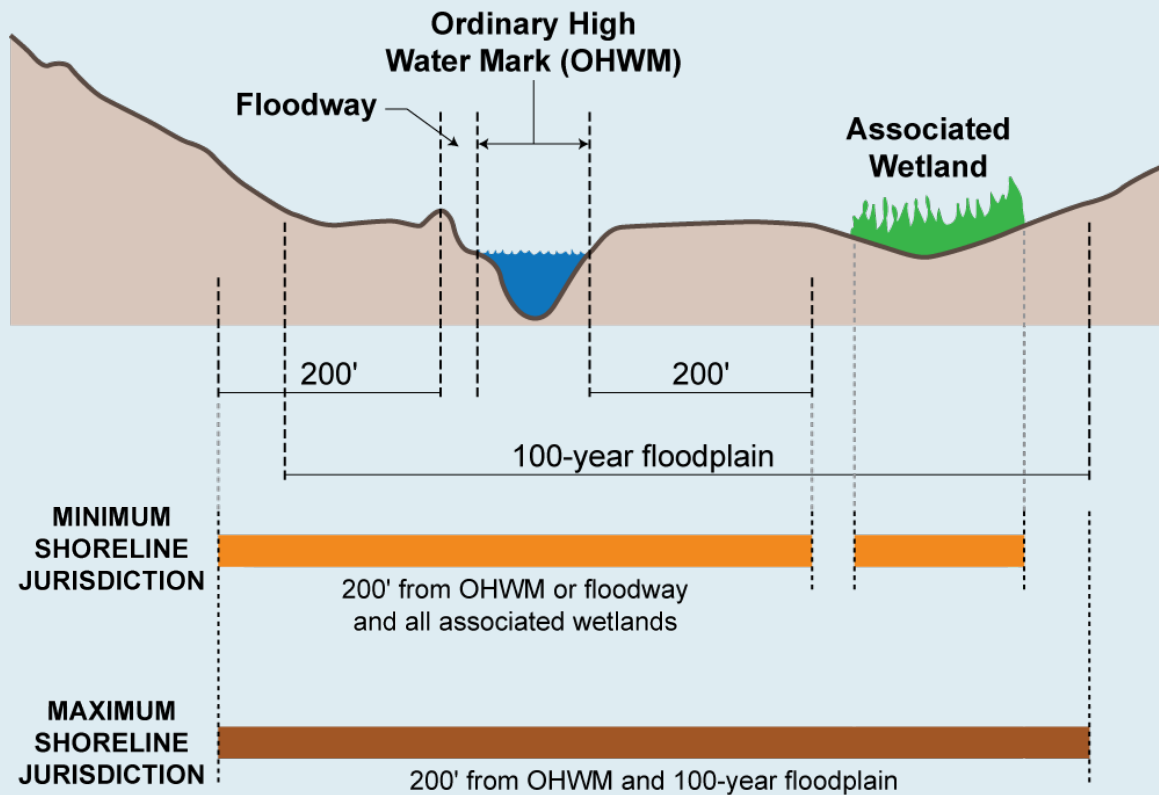
# What Is a Shoreline Master Program?

- A planning document
- A set of regulations
- An administrative framework



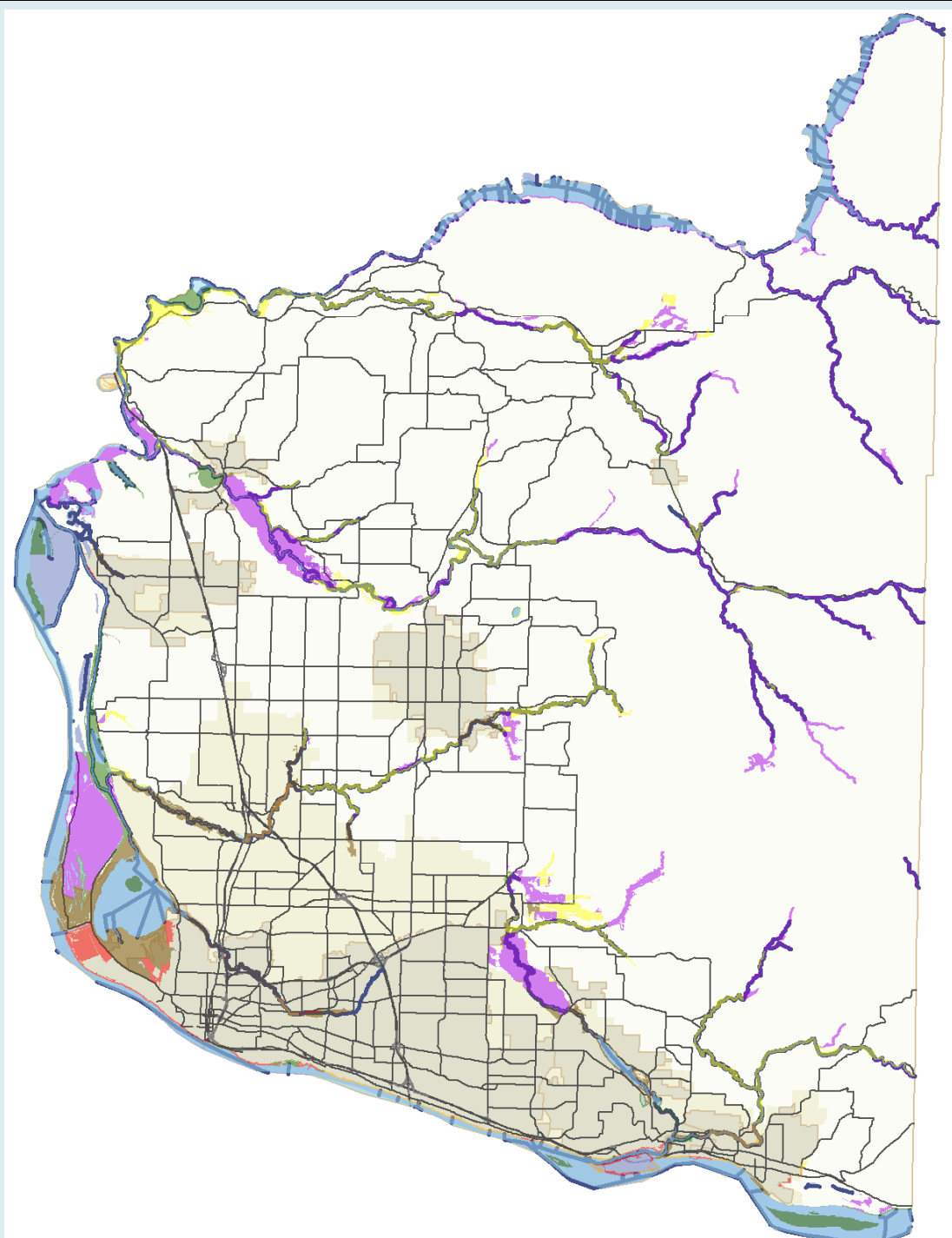
# Where does the SMA apply?

## River Shorelines



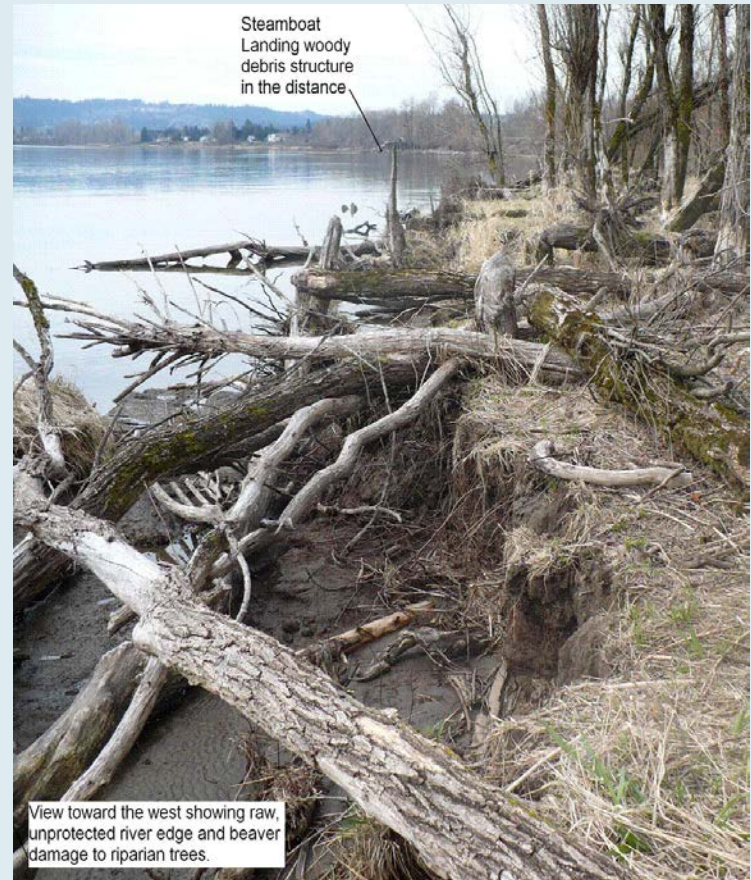
# Countywide SMP areas

- Aquatic
- Natural
- Urban Conservancy
- Medium Intensity
- High Intensity
- Rural Conservancy Residential
- Rural Conservancy Resource Land



# No Net Loss

- Post-development functions at least equal to pre-development functions
  - Regulate uses
  - Avoid development impacts
  - Mitigate unavoidable impacts
  - Consider cumulative effects of development
- Develop plans to restore ecological functions





# GMA and SMA

- Shoreline management is 14<sup>th</sup> goal of GMA
- SMP regulates critical areas in shoreline jurisdiction
- Shoreline regulations must protect at least as well as critical areas regulations







# Proposed Changes:

1. Revise the composition of the Shoreline Management Committee;
2. Create a substantial development permit exemption for retrofitting existing structures to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
3. Add new state requirements for dock construction and floating on-water residences.

# Resources

- Ecology's

- Citizens Guide to Shoreline Master Programs
- SMP overview, frequently asked questions,
- find your local program
- Shoreline blog

- Shoreline Planners Toolbox

- Data and Information
- Planning Process

- Ecology's regional planners

# Questions?





# Thank you!

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