

Shoreline Master Program  
SAG Meeting July 23, 2008

Caucus Representatives

Absent John Umberger- Property Owners  
Jerry Barnes – Agriculture  
Raleigh Chinn – Business/recreation  
Absent Lee Bernheisel – Environment / Conservation  
Absent Jon Wyss – Natural Resources  
Absent Wendy Witt – Homeowners / Property Owners  
Absent Chris Johnson – City of Okanogan  
Absent George Brady – Town of Pateros  
Chris Branch – Cities of Tonasket and Oroville  
Absent Dolores Castillo – Colville Confederated Tribes  
Absent Vicky Welch – Methow Watershed Council  
Dave Acheson – Town of Winthrop  
Absent Ralph Malone - City of Omak  
Absent – Town of Brewster  
Absent Don Willson – Town of Twisp

Alternate for Environment/Conservation: Absent Jason Paulson

Clynda Case, Department of Ecology  
Guests: Stan Porter, Tamara Porter

Staff: Angie Hubbard, Okanogan County; Jeremy Pratt, ENTRIX, Inc. (facilitator);  
Kurt Danison, Sandra Strieby and Sarah Schrock, Highlands Associates

**Member reports**

Clynda suggested starting a sub committee for the cities, to address parts of the SMP that will be specific to each city and how those will dovetail with the rest of the SMP. Kurt responded that we had just discussed holding a coordination meeting for City representatives; however, we wanted to make sure that the Analysis and Characterization was in order before we proceeded with that.

Jerry suggested semi-industrial spots for agriculture-related uses such as pumping plants. We will need to be able to make improvements to such facilities. Sandra responded that pumping stations may be exempt under the SMA. . Clynda confirmed that any pumping stations proposed on agricultural land, and that is an agricultural equipment/facility, would be exempt from a SDP, but not necessarily from the requirements of the new master program. But did not say all “semi-industrial” agricultural uses be exempt. See below.

WAC173-26-030 (c) "Agricultural equipment" and "agricultural facilities" includes, but is not limited to:

(i) The following used in agricultural operations: Equipment; machinery; constructed shelters, buildings, and ponds; fences; upland finfish rearing facilities; water diversion, withdrawal, conveyance, and use equipment and facilities including, but not limited to, pumps, pipes, tapes, canals, ditches, and drains;

WAC 173-27-040(2)(e)..Provided, That a feedlot of any size, all processing plants, other activities of a commercial nature, alteration of the contour of the shorelands by leveling or filling other than that which results from normal cultivation, shall not be considered normal or necessary farming or ranching activities. A feedlot shall be an enclosure or facility used or capable of being used for feeding livestock hay, grain, silage, or other livestock feed, but shall not include land for growing crops or vegetation for livestock feeding and/or grazing, nor shall it include normal livestock wintering operations;

#### Kurt- Presentation on Draft Chapter 10

Clynda-The aquatic designation should also contain associated wetlands. There was some discussion of what area should be designated "Aquatic" and how to determine the location of the Ordinary High Water Mark.

Kurt: "Natural: areas could be waterward of levees in Omak. As proposed, would apply to areas on National Forest not accessible by road.

Jerry- Where would Palmer Lake fall? Kurt responded maybe Rural Residential.

Raleigh - Are you going to assign Lake Osoyoos as Shoreline Recreational?

Chris B.- On Lake Osoyoos the property owners in the Lehrman Tracts may like the land use pattern and would like to keep it that way and other property owners on the lake may not want their area to end up like the land use pattern of the Lehrman tracts.

Clynda: can use S-Rec as a planning tool; *the* place, perhaps, where master-planned resorts are allowed.

Urban Conservancy does not match the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines but it does not have to. Alta Lake could be Shoreline Recreational.

Chris B. We should have restatements of what the policies and regulations are.

#### Use Chart-Presented by Kurt

Jerry- There are not many organic no-till orchards. There is no difference between organic farming and regular farming when it comes to harvesting the orchard or the hay. It is not less intense just because it is organic. Feedlots and CAFOs should be intense Ag. Jerry will review the agricultural use categories and make suggestions.

Chris Branch- There were problems in Douglas County where the aquaculture activities were creating problems in the shoreline environment because they were not disposing of fish guts appropriately.

### Boating Facilities

Clynda-WAC 173-26-241(3)(c)(viii) Regulations restricting vessels from extended mooring on waters of the state except as allowed by applicable state regulations and unless a lease or permission is obtained from the state and impacts to navigation and public access are mitigated.

So, that the temporary moored vessels (liveaboards) should not be allowed to moor longer than what is allowed by DNR.

### Recreational Mining and Dredging

Chris B-Recreational mining should be allowed. Fish and Wildlife and the DNR have regulations for that in place.

### Recreational water dependent uses

Dave- Some uses in the use chart fall into more than one category (e.g., boating facilities and water-dependent high intensity recreation). We need to make sure that the allowed uses are consistent.

Sandra-Recreation sub-categories relate to policies, which establish preferences for water dependent vs. non water dependent uses.

Dave-Maybe we can have a commercial section with a list and a recreational section with a list.

Raleigh – Non-water-oriented uses such as golf courses use up a lot of water. Kurt suggests that should be under water enjoyment.

Chris B-Be conscious of what you are requiring a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for vs. a Substantial Development Permit (SDP). The state will have the final decision on a CUP.

Kurt clarified: CUPs go to Ecology for approval.

### **Agenda for next meeting:**

Environment-specific policies

Continue discussing the Use Chart—SAG members review and comment in advance.

Brief overview of planning-factors characterization

Development standards requirements.

Examples of uses in each category of water-oriented use