



Shoreline Master Program periodic reviews: 2023

Program Name: Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program

Date Issued: April 30, 2021

References: RCW 90.58.080(4)(b)(iv); RCW 90.58.080(6); RCW 90.58.250

Purpose:

To clarify Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review deadlines.

Application:

This policy applies to the following jurisdictions that have a statutory deadline for SMP periodic reviews under [RCW 90.58.080\(4\)\(b\)\(iv\)](#):

Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and the cities within those counties.

The deadline for completing periodic reviews for these jurisdictions is listed in statute as June 30, 2022. However, based on availability of funds, the statutory deadline for these jurisdictions is extended to **June 30, 2023**.

Rationale

There are two separate statutes that require Ecology to modify the statutory deadlines based on the availability of funds.

Under **RCW 90.58.250** “the state will provide funding to local governments that is reasonable and adequate to accomplish the costs of developing and amending shoreline master programs consistent with the schedule established by RCW 90.58.080.”

Under **RCW 90.58.080(6)(a)** “grants to local governments for developing and amending master programs pursuant to the schedule established by this section shall be provided at least two years before the adoption dates specified in [the Act].”

Ecology is offering SMP grant funds to these jurisdictions in the 2021-23 biennium starting July 1, 2021. As a result, the deadline is shifted to June 30, 2023, giving counties and cities two years of funding to complete the required reviews.

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