

ORDINANCE No. 2017-02

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE SKAMANIA COUNTY SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Washington State voters passed the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) in 1972;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the SMA, Skamania County (the County) adopted its current Shoreline Master Program (SMP) in June 1974, which was last revised in July 1986;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted revised regulations that govern the content of Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs) including that SMPs not result in a net loss of shoreline ecological functions per Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 173-26;

WHEREAS, in 2014, Ecology provided funding for the County to update its SMP to bring it into compliance with the revised regulations adopted by the agency in 2003;

WHEREAS, the County completed an extensive process to update the SMP which included holding six publicly noticed meetings of the ad hoc Shoreline Advisory Committee, holding two publicly noticed community visioning meetings, maintaining an informational website with meeting dates and work products, and sending e-mails to interested stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the County and its consultant completed extensive technical documentation for the existing conditions of the County's regulated shoreline areas contained in the "Skamania County Inventory and Characterization Report";

WHEREAS, the County and its consultant completed a report titled "Skamania County Final Cumulative Impacts Analysis" documenting that the SMP will achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions in compliance with WAC Chapter 173-26;

WHEREAS, Ecology completed multiple extensive reviews of the SMP and their comments have been considered and incorporated into the SMP;

WHEREAS, the SMP was revised to incorporate local input based on approximately 300 comments from stakeholders;

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of May, 2017, the Shoreline Advisory Committee composed of Planning Commission members and other key stakeholders unanimously recommended that the SMP and supporting documentation be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the 30th day of May, 2017, and unanimously recommended forwarding the SMP and supporting documentation to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration;

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of May, 2017, a Determination of Nonsignificance was issued pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a workshop on June 13, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on June 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, the County intends to enact these amendments to the Skamania County Shoreline Master Program following review and approval by Ecology;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the County's SMP, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be adopted with an effective date upon final approval by Ecology.

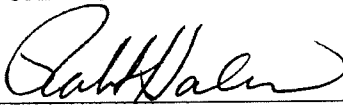
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Community Development Department shall forward the SMP and supporting documentation to Ecology for its consideration pursuant to chapter 90.58 RCW.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the County's existing SMP shall remain in full force and effect until Ecology approves the revised SMP, at which time the document approved herein shall be placed in full force and effect.

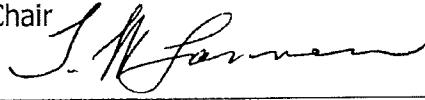
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in adopting the SMP, the Board does hereby adopt each and every recital set forth above as a finding in support thereof as well as the following additional recitals:

1. The purpose of the update is to establish consistency with State requirements.
2. The proposed revisions will further public health, safety, and general welfare.

**SKAMANIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



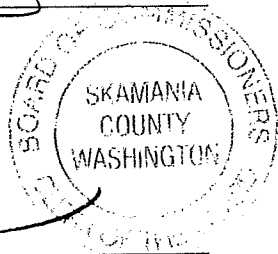
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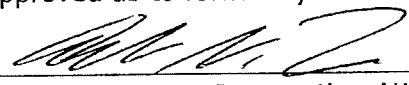


Commissioner



Attest:


Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form only:


Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney