

Attachment D: Responsiveness Summary: Blaine SMP – Comprehensive Amendment
Ecology Public Comment Period, January 3– February 2, 2016

Comment Number	Date:	Commenter	Comment	Local Government Response and Rationale	Ecology Response and Rationale
1	1/10/2017	Tani Sutley	Generally likes the SMP with exception of the Use and Development Matrix. Instead of the language reading “see limitations in text”, would rather have limitations listed with the matrix for ease of use.		
2	2/1/2017	Kathleen Capson	Suggests the following changes to Section 7.9.1.A – Wharf District: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add the following language to the end of the first paragraph: “The Wharf District also contains a public boat launch located at the southeast corner of the marina. The launch provides parking for 62 boat trailers and was constructed with IAC (Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation) funding support. 2. Revise the first sentence of the third paragraph to read: “Direction and guidance for development in this district is provided by the November 2007 Wharf District Master Plan (a component of the Blaine Comprehensive Plan), approved by both the City of Blaine and the Port of Bellingham. 		
3	2/2/2017	Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP)	“On page 25 and in regard to Policy 4.5F, we recommend a change in wording to read something like the following: Encourage the marine industrial and...private use <u>and heritage</u> of Blaine’s economically important shoreline areas.”		
4	2/2/2017	DAHP	“Also on page 25 in regard to section 4.7, we recommend some clarifying in language to read as follows: An element related to the protection and restoration of buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects and landscapes, have archaeological, historic...of the City of Blaine.”		
5	2/2/2017	DAHP	“We recommend changes to policy language under Goal 4.7 to be more proactive in protecting resources. Following is suggested new language: Policy 4.7A: Developments within shoreline areas shall avoid or minimize impacts to sites having archaeological, ...value or significance. Policy 4.7B: Opportunities for education related to...features shall be sought and where appropriate be incorporated into...and development.		

			Policy 4.7C: Preserve and re-develop historic structures in a manner that preserves...the goals of this Program.”		
6	2/2/2017	DAHP	<p>“On page 35 under 7.5.3, we recommend a change in language to read something like the following:</p> <p>Policy 7.5.3B: Access may be permitted for...provided <u>that these resources are protected and will not be adversely affected and</u> that no significant ecological...will result.”</p>		
7	2/2/2017	DAHP	<p>“In section 8.1, we recommend different language so that the language is more proactive for protection of resources and revise the introductory sentence to include a broader range of cultural resource types. Following is suggested language:</p> <p>Significant archaeological, cultural, and historic resources can include sites, districts, buildings, structures, objects, and landscapes that enriches our quality of life, provides economic benefits, and provides us with information about the past that continues to shape our community. These resources can be found anywhere but particularly along shorelines because of the proximity of food resources...provide to our past, these locations shall be preserved.”</p>		
8	2/2/2017	DAHP	“In Policies 8.1A, 8.1B, 8.1C and 8.1D, we recommend changing “should” to “shall”.		
9	2/2/2017	DAHP	“In section 16.04.030, we recommend including a definition for cultural resources.”		
10	2/2/2017	DAHP	“In general the language regarding cultural resources does not provide specific protocols to follow upon the discovery of archaeological resources nor does it comply with state laws for the protection of such. We recommend adding more specific language and processes so that the language is clearer and complies with state laws. To that end we have attached a copy of DAHP’s model shoreline language for your use.”		
11	2/2/2017	Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)	“The City of Blaine Shoreline Environmental Designation Map did not include 2.25 linear shoreline miles of the existing Drayton Harbor (Blaine) Harbor Area, which was established on September 1, 1891 by the Harbor Line Commission under Article XV of the Washington State Constitution. Harbor areas are reserved for landings, wharves, streets, and other conveniences of navigation and commerce. At the time of the harbor area creation, the Harbor Line Commission also established four state waterways, which are dedicated as highways to facilitate water to land and land to water commercial activities. The existing Drayton Harbor Area as well as the waterways are managed by the Department of Natural Resources. Any future development within these areas may require authorization from DNR.”		