

SMP Limited Amendment Submittal Checklist

Whatcom County SMP Amendment Adopting Revised Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO)

WAC 173-26-110. Submittal to department of proposed master programs/amendments.

A master program or amendment proposed by local government shall be submitted to the department for its review and formal action. Submittals may be in digital format. A complete submittal shall include the following, where applicable:

Requirement	Response
(1) Documentation (i.e., signed resolution or ordinance) that the proposal has been approved by the local government;	Ordinance 2017-077 is attached.
(2) If the proposal includes text amending a master program document of record, it shall be submitted in a form that can replace or be easily incorporated within the existing document. Amended text shall show strikeouts for deleted text and underlining for new text, clearly identifying the proposed changes. At the discretion of the department, strikeouts and underlined text may not be required provided the new or deleted portions of the master program are clearly identifiable;	The amended SMP text is shown in Section 3 of Ordinance 2017-077 (a strikeout/ underline version is shown in the application cover letter). The amended text of the CAO is shown in Exhibit A.
(3) Amended environment designation map(s), showing both existing and proposed designations, together with corresponding boundaries described in text for each change of environment. All proposals for changes in environment designation and re-designation shall provide written justification for such based on existing development patterns, the biophysical capabilities and limitations of the shoreline being considered, and the goals and aspirations of the local citizenry as reflected in the locally adopted comprehensive land use plan;	The environment designation maps of the SMP are not being amended.
(4) A summary of proposed amendments together with explanatory text indicating the scope and intent of the proposal, staff reports, records of the hearing, and/or other materials which document the necessity for the proposed changes to the master program;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only text of the SMP proposed for amendment is the reference date of the adopted CAO, shown in Section 3 of Ordinance 2017-077 (a strikeout/ underline version is shown in the application cover letter). A summary of proposed amendments to the CAO is provided in Exhibit C, the <i>Whatcom County Critical Areas Ordinance 2017 Update – Best Available Science Review: Addendum to the 2005 BAS Report</i>. Additional explanations of the more minor edits are shown in Exhibit A as comments. • Staff reports & PowerPoint presentations and to Council and the Planning Commission are provided in the submittal materials. • Minutes of the Council and Planning Commission meetings are provided in the submittal materials.

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(5) Evidence of compliance with chapter 43.21C RCW, the State Environmental Policy Act, specific to the proposal;	A copy of the SEPA Checklist and DNS are provided in the submittal materials.
(6) Evidence of compliance with the public notice and consultation requirements of either WAC 173-26-100 or 173-26-104 ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of the public notices are provided in the submittal materials. • Consultation was provided by having Tribal representatives on the Technical Advisory Committee, which developed the proposed amendments.
(7) Copies of all public, agency, and tribal comments received, including a record of names and addresses of interested parties involved in the local government review process or, where no comments have been received, a comment to that effect.	Copies of all public, agency, and tribal comments to the Council and Planning Commission are provided in the submittal materials.
(8) A summary of amendments made in response to comments received.	A summary of amendments to the CAO made in response to comments received is provided in Exhibit C, the <i>Whatcom County Critical Areas Ordinance 2017 Update – Best Available Science Review: Addendum to the 2005 BAS Report</i> . Additional explanations of the more minor edits are shown in Exhibit A as comments.
(9) A copy of the applicable master program submittal checklist:	
(a) For comprehensive master program updates, a checklist completed in accordance with WAC 173-26-201 (3)(a) and (h).	This is not a comprehensive master program update.
(b) For periodic reviews prepared under RCW 90.58.080 (4), a checklist completed in accordance with WAC 173-26-090 .	This is not a periodic review.
(c) For locally initiated amendments, a checklist and any supporting material demonstrating consistency with RCW 90.58.020 and applicable guidelines.	RCW 90.58.020 is the State's shoreline use preference policy. No uses are proposed to be amended in the SMP; only the referenced date of the applicable CAO.
(10) For comprehensive master program updates, copies of the inventory and characterization, use analysis, restoration plan and cumulative impacts analysis.	This is not a comprehensive master program update.