

**Public Comment Summary: City of Bremerton Locally Adopted SMP Limited Amendment
Ecology Public Comment Period, August 3 – August 19, 2016**

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Comment Number	Comment Topic and Section Number (Citation)	Commenter	Comment	Local Government Response and Rationale
1	General Comment	Jim McDonald	Commenter fully supports the City's Limited Amendment and specifically opposes proposed changes suggested by the Suquamish Tribe.	
2	General Comment	Jack Stanfill – Chico Creek Task Force	The Chico Creek Task Force requests that the Department of Ecology deny the City's SMP Limited Amendment for the Chico Creek Watershed and the Gorst Creek Watershed, based on a series of Exhibits.	
3	20.16.510 Applicability	Julia Stockton – Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton	Commenter requests that a comment from the 2013 update addressed in the City's May 24, 2013 responses to the Navy, but left out of the final SMP should now be added. Specifically, the Navy is requesting that the City add a statement to the Applicability section (20.16.510) acknowledging that the Navy does not have to comply with the City's SMP requirements.	
4a	20.14.330(c) Activities Allowed in Wetlands & 20.14.730(k) Trails	Alison O'Sullivan – Suquamish Tribe	Pedestrian paths should not intrude into wetlands and streams or their associated buffers. Paths should still be required to avoid intrusion whenever possible and pentachlorophenol treated wood should not be used for any part of a trail structure.	
4b	20.14.330(h)(3) Reducing Wetland Buffer Widths, (5) Wetland Buffer Averaging	Alison O'Sullivan – Suquamish Tribe	The Tribe does not support the reduction of buffers more than 25% or buffer widths less than 50 feet.	

	& 20.12.730(c)(4) Buffer Averaging, (5) Buffer Reduction			
4c	20.14.330(f) and (g) Category III and IV Wetlands	Alison O'Sullivan – Suquamish Tribe	Exempting smaller isolated wetlands and their buffers would result in the loss of wetland functions and values.	
4d	20.14.340 Mitigation Requirements Wetlands	Alison O'Sullivan – Suquamish Tribe	Re-establishment or creation should not be allowed for Category I wetlands or Category II Interdunal wetlands.	
4e	20.14.630 Development Standards	Alison O'Sullivan – Suquamish Tribe	Twenty-five feet is not a very large safety factor; the City should consider a larger setback on steep slopes.	
4f	20.14.730(c)(6) and (7) Development Standards	Alison O'Sullivan – Suquamish Tribe	Stormwater and LID facilities allowed in buffers should have limitations and be clearly defined (i.e. bio-swales, easements, etc.). Construction of these facilities should be prohibited if it requires removal of existing native vegetation.	
4g	7.010 Buffers and Setbacks	Alison O'Sullivan – Suquamish Tribe	See comments above regarding wetland and stream buffers less than 50 feet as it applies to marine shorelines as well. The Tribe does not support the reduction of buffers more than 25% or buffer widths less than 50 feet.	