

**Public Comment Summary: City of Montesano Locally Adopted SMP
Ecology Public Comment Period, January 30 - March 1, 2017**

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Comment Number	Comment Topic	Commenter	Comment	Local Government Response and Rationale
1.	General comments related to shoreline designations	Paul Willis for Willis Enterprises and The Woods at Sylvia Creek	Recommendations for shoreline designations and other aspects of the SMP are part of the public record created during the city's adoption process. These recommendations were adopted by the city and are in the current document being considered by Ecology. This document is consistent with city zoning which is among "the many regulatory programs that affect land development and environmental quality in a shoreline area". City zoning is primary among those.	
2.	General comments related to local process	Paul Willis for Willis Enterprises and The Woods at Sylvia Creek	Commenter urges recognition of the extensive deliberations and considerations made during the local process. The shoreline master program is not the only regulatory program protecting shoreline resources and the city has created a flexible program, necessary for economic development, while also protective of the functions and values of the shoreline and consistent with city zoning.	
3.	Aquatic shoreline designation- Chehalis River	Hugo Flores, WA Dept. of Natural Resources	Support is expressed for the Aquatic designation proposed for the Chehalis River as it would better protect, restore and manage state-owned aquatic lands and its resources. The commenter also believes recognition of the Chehalis as a shoreline of statewide significance will improve consultation and coordination with other agencies with jurisdiction.	
4.	High Intensity Designation- Chehalis River	Hugo Flores, WA Dept. of Natural Resources	High Intensity SED reflects the fact there is an existing wood mill. However the expansion of the designation beyond the wood mill may need revision. The Grays Harbor Comprehensive Plan designated adjacent uplands as A2 (Long Term Agricultural Use District) which encourages conservation and protection of agricultural lands. The Urban Conservancy designation, which protects and restores ecological functions of open space, floodplain and other sensitive lands, appears to be a better fit with the purposes of the A2 zoning. It's recommended the city consider revising the designation outside of the existing wood mill site.	
5.	Riparian Buffers	Amy Spoon, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	Concern is expressed regarding proposed buffers which don't "match up with WDFW's recommendation and will not provide adequate protection for fish and wildlife habitat" (see <i>Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Habitats – Riparian</i>). Below is a summary table that compares WDFW recommendations to the	

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			<p>proposed SMP buffers. WDFW recommends the city reconsider the buffers and better align them with WDFW buffer recommendations.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Stream Type</th> <th>WDFW Buffer recommendation</th> <th>City of Montesano Proposed Buffer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Type S (Shorelines of the State)</td> <td>250'</td> <td>See SMP Section 4.04.02(B)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Type F (Fish Bearing > 5' wide)</td> <td>200'</td> <td>100 feet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Type F (Fish bearing < 5' wide)</td> <td>150'</td> <td>100 feet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Type NP (non-fish, perennial flow)</td> <td>150'-225', width dependent on slope stability</td> <td>75 feet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Type NS (non-fish, seasonal flow)</td> <td>150'-225', width dependent on slope stability</td> <td>50 feet</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stream Type	WDFW Buffer recommendation	City of Montesano Proposed Buffer	Type S (Shorelines of the State)	250'	See SMP Section 4.04.02(B)	Type F (Fish Bearing > 5' wide)	200'	100 feet	Type F (Fish bearing < 5' wide)	150'	100 feet	Type NP (non-fish, perennial flow)	150'-225', width dependent on slope stability	75 feet	Type NS (non-fish, seasonal flow)	150'-225', width dependent on slope stability	50 feet	
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