



Shoreline Management Act rulemaking: Local government sea level rise rules workshop

November 3, 2025, 1-3 pm

We will hold a workshop on November 3 from 1-3pm focused on the preliminary draft sea level rise rule sections.

[Register here for the workshop](#). After you register, you will receive an email from Zoom with information about how to join the meeting.

Who should participate? The primary audience for this workshop is local government staff. However, it is open to the public and we welcome anyone who is interested in observing. We will provide an opportunity for members of the public to share comments at the end of the meeting.

The purpose of the workshop is to:

- Provide an overview of the preliminary draft sea level rise rules and what this means for local governments
- Describe feedback we received during this summer's informal comment period and revisions we're considering
- Listen to feedback and answer questions from local government staff and other attendees
- Review the timeline for SMA rulemaking and next steps

Agenda:

1:00	Welcome
1:10	Overview of the sea level rise sections of the preliminary draft rules Questions and discussion
1:50	Discuss comment period and planned revisions Questions and discussion
2:30	Public comment and question opportunity
2:55	Wrap up

Note: Agenda topics and timing are flexible and may be updated prior to or during the meeting.

Additional information:

- Please email us with any questions you would like us to answer or topics you would like us to focus on prior to the meeting at SMARulemaking@ecy.wa.gov.
- You can find the preliminary draft rules and informational webinar recordings on the [rulemaking website](#).
- We encourage you to review the preliminary draft sea level rise provisions prior to the meeting. The majority of these provisions are in [WAC 173-26-246 \(pp. 160-172\)](#), so we recommend reading that section first. Additional provisions are in [WAC 173-27-185 \(pp. 43-44\)](#), [173-22 WAC](#), and other sections of [173-26 WAC](#).
- Please consider attending the workshop regardless of whether you have capacity to review materials prior to the meeting and regardless of your level of awareness of this rulemaking – we will go over the provisions during the meeting.
- We may record the presentation portion but will not record the entire workshop.
- This workshop will be open to members of the public to observe, with time at the end of the meeting for comments and questions from non-local government attendees.
- This meeting is in addition to the local government sounding board meetings we are holding this fall. The sounding board meetings are focused on the entire rulemaking; we determined that an additional meeting to discuss the sea level rise rule language would be beneficial. Thank you to all who have been participating in the sounding board; we welcome your ongoing feedback through that avenue as well.
- Ecology hosted a public webinar series in February and March 2025. Experts discussed sea level rise projections, tools, adaptation best practices, examples of work throughout the state, and more. These webinars were open to the public and recordings are available on our [website](#).