

# Appendix A – Definitions

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**Accessory use or accessory structure** - Any use or structure customarily incidental and accessory to the principal use of a site or a building or other structure located upon the same lot.

**Act** - The Shoreline Management Act of 1971, as amended (Chapter 90.58 RCW and WAC 173-27-030(1)).

**Agriculture** - The cultivation of the soil, production of crops, and/or raising of livestock, including incidental preparation of these products for human use.

**Anadromous fish** - Species, such as salmon, which are born in fresh water, spend a large part of their lives in the sea, and return to freshwater rivers and streams to procreate.

**Appurtenance** - A structure or development which is necessarily connected to the use and enjoyment of a single family residence and is located landward of the ordinary high water mark and also of the perimeter of any wetland. (On a statewide basis, normal appurtenances include a garage, deck, driveway, utilities, fences, installation of a septic tank and drainfield, and grading which does not exceed two hundred fifty cubic yards (250) [except to construct a conventional drainfield] and which does not involve placement of fill in any wetland or waterward of the ordinary high water mark) (WAC 173-27-040(1g)).

**Aquaculture** - The commercial cultivation of fish, shellfish, and/or other aquatic animals or plants, including the incidental preparation of these products for human use.

**Aquascreens** - A fiberglass screen used as a bottom barrier to limit and/or control aquatic plant growth. The screen is typically anchored to an area of the lake bottom and functions as a physical barrier to prevent plants from growing on the lake bottom.

**Archaeological** - Having to do with the scientific study of material remains of past human life and activities.

**Associated Wetlands** - Those wetlands that are in proximity to and either influence, or are influenced by tidal waters or a lake or stream subject to the Shoreline Management Act. Refer to WAC 173-22-030(1).

**Average grade level** - The average of the natural or existing topography of the portion of the lot, parcel, or tract of real property which will be directly under the proposed building or structure; provided that in case of structures to be built over water, average grade level shall be the elevation of ordinary high water. Calculation of the average grade level shall be made by averaging the elevations at the center of all exterior walls of the proposed building or structure (WAC 173-27-030(3)).

**BMPs** - see Best Management Practices.

**Beach** - The zone of unconsolidated material that is moved by waves, wind and tidal currents, extending landward to the coastline.

**Beach enhancement/restoration** - Process of restoring a beach to a state more closely resembling a natural beach, using beach feeding, vegetation, drift sills and other nonintrusive means as applicable.

**Benthos** - Living organisms associated with the bottom layer of aquatic systems, at the interface of the sediment (or substrate) and overlying water column. Benthos commonly refers to an assemblage of insects, worms, algae, plants and bacteria.

**Best Management Practices (BMPs)** - BMPs are methods of improving water quality that can have a great effect when applied by numerous individuals. BMPs encompass a variety of behavioral, procedural, and structural measures that reduce the amount of contaminants in stormwater runoff and in receiving waters.

**Bioengineering** - see Soil bioengineering

**Biofiltration** - A storm water or other drainage treatment system that utilizes as a primary feature the ability of plant life to screen out and metabolize sediment and pollutants. Typically, biofiltration systems are designed to include grass-lined swales, retention ponds and other vegetative features.

**Biota** - The animals and plants that live in a particular location or region.

**Boat launch or ramp** - Graded slopes, slabs, pads, planks, or rails used for launching boats by means of a trailer, hand, or mechanical device.

**Boat lift** - A mechanical device that can hoist vessels out of the water for storage, commonly located along a pier.

**Boathouse** - A structure with a roof and at least one wall designed for storage of vessels located over water.

**Boating Facility** - A permanent or temporary boat moorage or boat launching structure serving uses other than four or fewer single-family residences.

**Bog** - A wet, spongy, poorly drained area which is usually rich in very specialized plants, contains a high percentage of organic remnants and residues and frequently is associated with a spring, seepage area, or other subsurface water source. A bog sometimes represents the final stage of the natural process of eutrophication by which lakes and other bodies of water are very slowly transformed into land areas.

**Breakwater** - An off-shore structure generally built parallel to the shore that may or may not be connected to land. Its primary purpose is to protect a harbor, moorage, or navigational activity from wave and wind action by creating a still-water area along the shore. A secondary purpose is to protect the shoreline from wave-caused erosion.

**Buffer** - an area that is contiguous to and protects a critical area and which is required for the continued maintenance, functioning, and/or structural stability of the critical area.

**Bulkhead** - means a vertical or nearly vertical erosion protection structure placed parallel to the shoreline consisting of concrete, timber, steel, rock, or other permanent material not readily subject to erosion.

**Certified engineer/biologist** - see Professional engineer and Professional biologist.

**Clean Water Act** - The primary federal law providing water pollution prevention and control; previously known as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. See 33 USC 1251 et seq.

**Clearing** - The destruction or removal of vegetation ground cover, shrubs and trees including, but not limited to, root material removal and/or topsoil removal.

**Community dock** - A dock which is intended for the common use of the residents of Yarrow Point.

**Comprehensive Plan** - Comprehensive plan means the document, including maps adopted by the town council, that outlines the Town's goals and policies relating to management of growth, and prepared in accordance with RCW 36.70A.

**Conditional Use** - A use, development, or substantial development that is classified as a conditional use or is not classified within the Shoreline Master Program. Refer to WAC 173-27-030(4).

**Covered moorage** - A roofed structure over a boat, typically supported by posts mounted on the pier.

**Critical areas** - as defined under chapter 36.70A RCW includes the following areas and ecosystems: Wetlands, areas with a critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable waters, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas. The Town of Yarrow Point does not contain frequently flooded areas or critical aquifer recharge areas.

**Cumulative Impact** - The impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time.

**Development** - A use consisting of the construction or exterior alteration of structures; dredging; drilling; dumping; filling; removal of any sand, gravel, or minerals; bulkheading; driving of piling; placing of obstructions; or any project of a permanent or temporary nature which interferes with the normal public use of the surface of the waters of the state subject to Chapter 90.58 RCW at any state of water level.

**Dock** - Commonly referred to as a floating moorage structure, but can also be used in reference to fixed-pile piers (see exemptions). See “floating dock” and “float” for definition used in this Shoreline Master Program.

**Dredge spoil** - The material removed by dredging.

**Dredging** - Excavation or displacement of the bottom or shoreline of a waterbody. Dredging can be accomplished with mechanical or hydraulic machines. Most dredging is done to maintain channel depths or berths for navigational purposes; other dredging is for shellfish harvesting or for cleanup of polluted sediments.

**Dwelling unit** – a single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, not to exceed one family, and which includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

**Ecological Functions** - The work performed or the role played by the physical, chemical, and biological processes that contribute to the maintenance of the aquatic and terrestrial environments that constitute the shoreline’s natural ecosystem.

**Ecosystem-wide Processes** - The suite of naturally occurring physical and geologic processes of erosion, transport, and deposition; and specific chemical processes that shape landforms within a specific shoreline ecosystem and determine both the types of habitat and the associated ecological functions.

**Ecology (WDOE)** - The Washington State Department of Ecology.

**Ell** – Terminal section of a pier which typically extends perpendicular to the pier walkway. These sections can be either on fixed-piles or floating docks and are typically wider than the pier walkway.

**Endangered Species Act (ESA)** - A federal law intended to protect any fish or wildlife species that are threatened with extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

**Emergency** - An unanticipated and imminent threat to public health, safety, or the environment which requires immediate action within a time too short to allow full compliance with the master program. Emergency construction is construed narrowly as that which is necessary to protect property from the elements (RCW 90.58.030(3eiii) and WAC 173-14-040(1d)).

**Enhancement** - Alteration of an existing resource to improve or increase its characteristics and processes without degrading other existing functions. Enhancements are to be distinguished from resource creation or restoration projects.

**Environmental Impacts** - The effects or consequences of actions on the natural and built environments. Environmental impacts include effects upon the elements of the environment listed in the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Refer to WAC 197-11- 600 and WAC 197-11-444.

**Environments (Shoreline Environment)** - Designations given specific shoreline areas based on the existing development pattern, the biophysical capabilities and limitations, and the goals and aspirations of local citizenry, as part of a Master Program.

**Erosion** - The wearing away of land by the action of natural forces.

**Excavation** - The artificial movement of earth materials.

**Exemption** - Certain specific developments are exempt from the definition of substantial developments and are therefore exempt from the substantial development permit process of the SMA. An activity that is exempt from the substantial development provisions of the SMA must still be carried out in compliance with policies and standards of the Act and the local master program. Shoreline Conditional Use and/or Shoreline Variance Permits may also still be required even though the activity does not need a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit. For a complete list of exemptions, see WAC 173-27-040.

**Fair market value** - the open market bid price for conducting the work, using the equipment and facilities, and purchase of the goods, services and materials necessary to accomplish the development. This would normally equate to the cost of hiring a contractor to undertake the development from start to finish, including the cost of labor, materials, equipment and facility usage, transportation and contractor overhead and profit. The fair market value of the development shall include the fair market value of any donated, contributed or found labor, equipment or materials.

**Feasible**- an action, such as a development project, mitigation, or preservation requirement, meets all of the following conditions.

- a. The action can be accomplished with technologies and methods that have been used in the past in similar circumstances, or if studies or tests have demonstrated in similar circumstances that such approaches are currently available and likely to achieve the intended results;
- b. The action provides a reasonable likelihood of achieving its intended purpose; and
- c. The action does not physically preclude achieving the project's primary intended legal use.

In cases where this SMP requires certain actions unless they are infeasible, the burden of proving infeasibility is on the applicant. In determining infeasibility of a required action, the burden of

proving infeasibility is placed upon the applicant. In determining an action's infeasibility, the reviewing agency may weigh the action's relative public costs and public benefits.

**Fill**- The addition of soil, sand, rock, gravel, sediment, earth retaining structure or other material to an area waterward of the OHWM, in wetlands, or on shorelands in that manner that raises the elevation or creates dry land.

**Finger Pier** – A narrow extension to a fixed-pile pier, usually extending perpendicular to the pier walkway along with an ell to form an enclosed area for boat moorage.

**Float** - A floating structure that is moored, anchored, or otherwise secured in the water off-shore and that is generally located at the terminal end of a fixed-pile pier.

**Float tub** – The buoyant structural element of a float, typically consisting of a polyethylene shell encapsulating a foam interior.

**Floating Dock** - A fixed structure floating upon a waterbody for the majority of its length and connected to shore.

**Floatplane** - A type of seaplane, with slender pontoons (known as "floats") mounted under the fuselage; only the floats of a floatplane normally come into contact with water, with the fuselage remaining above water.

**Geotechnical report or geotechnical analysis** - a scientific study or evaluation conducted by a qualified expert that includes a description of the ground and surface hydrology and geology, the affected land form and its susceptibility to mass wasting, erosion, and other geologic hazards or processes, conclusions and recommendations regarding the effect of the proposed development on geologic conditions, the adequacy of the site to be developed, the impacts of the proposed development, alternative approaches to the proposed development, and measures to mitigate potential site-specific and cumulative geological and hydrological impacts of the proposed development, including the potential adverse impacts to adjacent and down-current properties. Geotechnical reports shall conform to accepted technical standards and must be prepared by qualified professional engineers or geologists who have professional expertise about the regional and local shoreline geology and processes.

**Grading** - the movement or redistribution of the soil, sand, rock, gravel, sediment, or other material on a site in a manner that alters the natural contour of the land.

**Grass-lined swale** - A vegetated drainage channel that is designed to remove various pollutants from storm water runoff through biofiltration.

**Groin** - A barrier-type structure extending from, and usually perpendicular to, the backshore into a water body. Its purpose is to protect a shoreline and adjacent upland by influencing the movement of water and/or deposition of materials. This is accomplished by building or preserving an accretion beach on its updrift side by trapping littoral drift. A groin is relatively narrow in width but varies greatly in length. A groin is sometimes built in a series as a system and may be permeable or impermeable, high or low, and fixed or adjustable.

**HPA - Hydraulic Project Approval** - The permit issued by the Washington State Departments of Fisheries or Wildlife pursuant to the State Hydraulic Code Chapter 75.20.100-140 RCW.

**Habitat** - The place or type of site where a plant or animal naturally or normally lives and grows.

**Harbor** - the area of navigable waters as determined in Section 1 of Article 15 of the Washington Constitution, which shall be forever reserved for landings, wharves, streets, and other conveniences of navigation and commerce.

**Hard Structural Shoreline Stabilization** - Shore erosion control practices using hardened structures that armor and stabilize the shoreline from further erosion. Hard structural shoreline stabilization typically uses concrete, boulders, dimensional lumber or other materials to construct linear, vertical or near-vertical faces that are located at or waterward of ordinary high water, as well those structures located on average within five (5) feet landward of OHWM. These include bulkheads, rip-rap, groins, retaining walls and similar structures.

**Hazardous tree** - any tree deemed a risk to public safety by a qualified professional. The standard for rating tree hazard shall be the International Society of Arboriculture 12-point rating system.

**Hearing Examiner** - The Hearing Examiner of the Town of Yarrow Point.

**Height** – the distance measured from the average grade level to the highest point of a structure. Television antennas, chimneys and similar appurtenances shall only be included in height calculations where they obstruct the view of a substantial number of adjoining shoreline uses. Temporary construction or equipment shall be excluded from any height calculation.

**Hydric soils** - Generally, soils which are, or have had a history of being, wet long enough to periodically produce anaerobic conditions, thereby influencing the growth of plants (WAC 173-22-030(5)).

**Hydrophytes** - Those plants capable of growing in water or on a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen as a result of excessive water content (WAC 173-22- 030(5)).

**Impervious surface** – any hard surface area that: a) impedes the infiltration of stormwater into the soil mantle relative to natural conditions; b) increases the quantity of stormwater that runs off a project site; and/or c) increases the rate at which stormwater runs off a project site. Impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, areas paved with concrete or asphalt; covered buildings; mechanically compacted soils and compacted gravel surfaces with material sizes of 5/6-inch or less. Open and uncovered stormwater retention facilities shall not be considered impervious surfaces.

**In-kind replacement** - To replace wetlands, habitat, biota or other organisms with substitute flora or fauna whose characteristics closely match those destroyed, displaced or degraded by an activity.

**Interested party or Interested person**- Synonymous with "party of record", and means all persons who have notified local government of their desire to receive a copy of the final order on a permit under WAC 173-14-070 (WAC 173-14-030(12)).

**Lacustrine (also lacustrian)** - Of, on, or pertaining to lakes.

**Lake, shoreline** - A body of standing water in a depression of land or expanded part of a river, including reservoirs, of twenty (20) acres or greater in total area. A lake is bounded by the ordinary high water mark or, where a stream enters a lake, the extension of the elevation of the lake's ordinary high water mark within the stream (RCW 90.58.030(1d); WAC 173-20-030; WAC 173-22-030(4)).

**Landscaping** - Vegetation ground cover including shrubs, trees, flower beds, grass, ivy and other similar plants and including tree bark and other materials which aid vegetative growth and maintenance.

**Launching ramp** - See Boat launch or ramp.

**Littoral** - Living on, or occurring on, the shore.

**Littoral drift** - The mud, sand, or gravel material moved parallel to the shoreline in the nearshore zone by waves and currents.

**Marina** - A facility that provides launching, storage, supplies, moorage, and other accessory services for six or more pleasure boats.

**May** - "May" means the action is acceptable, provided it conforms to the provisions of this chapter.

**Mitigation or Mitigation Sequencing** - The process of avoiding, reducing, or compensating for the environmental impact(s) of a proposal. See WAC 197-11-768 and WAC 173-26-020 (30). Mitigation or mitigation sequencing means the following sequence of steps listed in order of priority, with (a) of this subsection being top priority: (a) Avoiding the impact all together by not taking a certain action or parts of an action; (b) Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation by using appropriate technology or by taking affirmative steps to avoid or reduce impacts; (c) Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment; (d) Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations; (e) Compensating for the impact by replacing, enhancing, or providing substitute resources or environments; and (f) Monitoring the impact and the compensation projects and taking appropriate corrective measures.

**Moorage** - Any device or structure used to secure a vessel for temporary anchorage, but which is not attached to the vessel (such as a pier or buoy).



**Moorage piles** - Structural members that are driven into the lake bed to serve as a stationary moorage point. They are typically used for moorage of small boats in the absence of, or instead of, a dock or pier. In some cases, moorage piles may be associated with a dock or pier.

**Mooring buoy** - A floating object anchored to the bottom of a waterbody that provides tie up capabilities for vessels.

**Must** - “Must” means a mandate; the action is required.

**Native plants** - These are plants that are historically indigenous to the Lake Washington watershed, and that distribute and reproduce without aid. Native plants in western Washington are those that existed prior to intensive settlement that began in the 1850s.

**Natural or existing topography** - the topography of the lot, parcel, or tract of real property immediately prior to any site preparation or grading, including excavation or filling. (WAC 173-27-030(11))

**No Net Loss of Ecological Function** - means a public policy goal and requirement to maintain the aggregate total of the Town’s shoreline ecological functions at its current level. For purposes of reviewing and approving this SMP, “current” is equivalent to the date of the Final Shoreline Analysis Report (August 2011). As a development standard, it means the result of the application of Mitigation Sequencing, in which impacts of a particular shoreline development and/or use, whether permitted or exempt, are identified and addressed, such that there are no adverse impacts on shoreline ecological functions or processes relative to the legal condition just prior to the proposed development and/or use.

**Nonconforming use or development** - A shoreline use or structure which was lawfully constructed or established prior to the effective date of the applicable SMA/SMP provision, and which no longer conforms to the applicable shoreline provisions (WAC 173-27-080(1)).

**Normal maintenance** - Those usual acts to prevent a decline, lapse, or cessation from a lawfully established condition (WAC 173-27-040(2b)). See also *Normal repair*.

**Normal protective bulkhead** - structural and nonstructural developments installed at or near, and parallel to, the ordinary high water mark for the sole purpose of protecting an existing single-family residence and appurtenant structures from loss or damage by erosion (WAC 173-27-040(2c)).

**Normal repair** - To restore a development to a state comparable to its original condition, including but not limited to its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance, within a reasonable period after decay or partial destruction, except where repair causes substantial adverse effects to shoreline resource or environment. Replacement of a structure or development may be authorized as repair where such replacement is the common method of repair for the type of structure or development and the replacement structure or development is comparable to the original structure or development including but not limited to its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance and the replacement does not cause substantial

adverse effects to shoreline resources or environment (WAC 173-27-040(2b)). See also *Normal maintenance*.

***OHWM, Ordinary High Water Mark*** - That mark that will be found by examining the bed and banks and ascertaining where the presence and action of waters are so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark upon the soil a character distinct from that of the abutting upland, in respect to vegetation as that condition exists on June 1, 1971, as it may naturally change thereafter, or as it may change thereafter in accordance with permits issued by a local government or the department: *provided*, that in any area where the ordinary high water mark cannot be found, the ordinary high water mark adjoining fresh water shall be the line of mean high water. See RCW 90.58.030(2)(c) and WAC 173-22-030(5).

***Off-site replacement*** - To replace wetlands or other shoreline environmental resources away from the site on which a resource has been impacted by a regulated activity.

***Oil separator*** - Specialized catch basins that are designed to trap oil and other materials lighter than water in the basin while allowing the water to escape through the drainage system.

***On-site replacement*** - To replace wetlands or other shoreline environmental resources at or adjacent to the site on which a resource has been impacted by a regulated activity.

***Overwater structure*** - Any device or structure projecting over the ordinary high water mark, including, but not limited to piers, docks, floats, and moorage.

***Party of record*** - includes all persons, agencies or organizations who have submitted written comments in response to a notice of application; made oral comments in a formal public hearing conducted on the application; or notified local government of their desire to receive a copy of the final decision on a permit and who have provided an address for delivery of such notice by mail. (WAC 173-27-030(12))

***Permit (or Shoreline Permit)*** - Any Shoreline Substantial Development, Shoreline Variance or Shoreline Conditional Use Permit, or revision, or any combination thereof, authorized by the Act. Refer to WAC 173-27

***Pier*** - a fixed, pile-supported structure.

***Practicable alternative*** - An alternative that is available and capable of being carried out after taking into consideration short-term and long-term cost, options of project scale and phasing, existing technology and logistics in light of overall project purposes.

***Priority Habitat*** - A habitat type with unique or significant value to one or more species. An area classified and mapped as priority habitat must have one or more of the following attributes:

- Comparatively high fish or wildlife density;
- Comparatively high fish or wildlife species diversity;
- Fish spawning habitat;
- Important wildlife habitat;

- Important fish or wildlife seasonal range;
- Important fish or wildlife movement corridor;
- Rearing and foraging habitat;
- Important marine mammal haul-out;
- Refugia habitat;
- Limited availability;
- High vulnerability to habitat alteration;
- Unique or dependent species; or
- Shellfish bed.

A priority habitat may be described by a unique vegetation type or by a dominant plant species that is of primary importance to fish and wildlife (such as oak woodlands or eelgrass meadows). A priority habitat may also be described by a successional stage (such as, old growth and mature forests). Alternatively, a priority habitat may consist of a specific habitat element (such as a consolidated marine/estuarine shoreline, talus slopes, caves, snags) of key value to fish and wildlife. A priority habitat may contain priority and/or nonpriority fish and wildlife.

**Priority Species** - Species requiring protective measures and/or management guidelines to ensure their persistence at genetically viable population levels. Priority species are those that meet any of the criteria listed below.

(a) Criterion 1. State-listed or state proposed species. State-listed species are those native fish and wildlife species legally designated as endangered (WAC 232-12-014), threatened (WAC 232-12-011), or sensitive (WAC 232-12-011). State proposed species are those fish and wildlife species that will be reviewed by the department of fish and wildlife (POL-M-6001) for possible listing as endangered, threatened, or sensitive according to the process and criteria defined in WAC 232-12-297.

(b) Criterion 2. Vulnerable aggregations. Vulnerable aggregations include those species or groups of animals susceptible to significant population declines, within a specific area or statewide, by virtue of their inclination to congregate. Examples include heron colonies, seabird concentrations, and marine mammal congregations.

(c) Criterion 3. Species of recreational, commercial, and/or tribal importance. Native and nonnative fish, shellfish, and wildlife species of recreational or commercial importance and recognized species used for tribal ceremonial and subsistence purposes that are vulnerable to habitat loss or degradation.

(d) Criterion 4. Species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act as either proposed, threatened, or endangered.

**Professional biologist** - A specialist with education and training in the area of natural sciences concerned with the plants and animal life of a region.

**Professional engineer** - A person who, by reason of his or her special knowledge of the mathematical and physical sciences and the principles and methods of engineering analysis and design, acquired by professional education and practical experience, is qualified to practice engineering and is licensed by the state of Washington.

**Public access** - Public access is the ability of the general public to reach, touch, and enjoy the water's edge, to travel on the waters of the state, and to view the water and the shoreline from adjacent locations. Refer to WAC 173-26-221(4).

**Public interest** - The interest shared by the citizens of the state or community at large in the affairs of government, or some interest by which their rights or liabilities are affected such as an effect on public property or on health, safety, or general welfare resulting from a use or development (WAC 173-27-030(14)).

**Public use** - Public use means to be made available daily to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis, and may not be leased to private parties on any more than a day use basis. Refer to WAC 332-30-106.

**RCW** - Revised Code of Washington.

**RCW 90.58** - The Shoreline Management Act of 1971.

**Recreational facilities** – Public facilities such as parks, trails, and pathways that provide a means for relaxation, play, or amusement.

**Recreational Float** - A floating structure that is moored, anchored, or otherwise secured in the water off-shore and that is generally used for recreational purposes such as swimming and diving.

**Residential development** - Development which is primarily devoted to or designed for use as a dwelling(s).

**Restore, Restoration or Ecological restoration** - means the reestablishment or upgrading of impaired ecological shoreline processes or functions. This may be accomplished through measures including but not limited to re-vegetation, removal of intrusive shoreline structures and removal or treatment of toxic materials. Restoration does not imply a requirement for returning the shoreline area to aboriginal or pre-European settlement conditions. (WAC 173-26-020(27))

**Retrieval Lines** - A system by which a float or other floating object is retrieved to a pier, dock, or shoreland.

**Riparian** - Of, on, or pertaining to the banks of a river, stream or lake.

**Riprap** - A layer, facing, or protective mound of stones placed to prevent erosion, scour, or sloughing of a structure or embankment; also, the stone so used.

**Rotovating** - An aquatic vegetation harvesting technique that uses rototilling technology to uproot and remove plants.

**Runoff** - Water that is not absorbed into the soil but rather flows along the ground surface following the topography.

**SEPA** - see State Environmental Policy Act

**SEPA Checklist** - A checklist required of some projects under SEPA to identify the probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. (WAC 197-11-960).

**SMA** - see Shoreline Management Act

**SMP** - see Shoreline Master Program

**Salmon and Steelhead Habitats** - Gravel bottomed streams, creeks, and rivers used for spawning; streams, creeks, rivers, side channels, ponds, lakes, and wetlands used for rearing, feeding, and cover and refuge from predators and high water; streams, creeks, rivers, used as migration corridors.

**Sediment** - The fine grained material deposited by water or wind.

**Setback** - A required open space, specified in the SMP, measured horizontally upland from and perpendicular to the ordinary high water mark.

**Shall** - "Shall" means a mandate; the action must be done.

**Shoreline Administrator** - The Town Planner or his/her designee, charged with the responsibility of administering the shoreline master program.

**Shoreline environment designations** - The categories of shorelines established by local shoreline master programs in order to provide a uniform basis for applying policies and use regulations within distinctively different shoreline areas. See WAC 173-16-040(4).

**Shoreline jurisdiction** - The term describing all of the geographic areas covered by the SMA, related rules and this master program. Also, such areas within a specified local government's authority under the SMA. See definitions of *Shorelines*, *Shorelines of the state*, *Shorelines of statewide significance*, and *Wetlands, jurisdictional*.

**Shoreline Management Act of 1971** - Chapter 90.58 RCW, as amended.

**Shoreline Master Program (SMP)** - The comprehensive use plan and related use regulations which are used by local governments to administer and enforce the permit system for shoreline management. Master programs are developed in accordance with the policies of the SMA, approved and adopted by the state, and are consistent with the rules (WACs) adopted by Ecology.

**Shoreline modifications** - those actions that modify the physical configuration or qualities of the shoreline area, usually through the construction of a physical element such as a dike, breakwater, pier, weir, dredged basin, fill, bulkhead, or other shoreline structure. They can include other actions, such as clearing, grading, or application of chemicals

**Shoreline permit** - A Shoreline Substantial Development, Shoreline Exemption, Shoreline Conditional Use, revision, or Shoreline Variance Permit or any combination thereof (WAC 173-14-030(13)).

**Shoreline Stabilization** - Means for protecting shoreline upland areas and shoreline uses from the effects of shoreline wave action, flooding or erosion. Shoreline stabilization includes structural methods, such as riprap, bulkheads, gabions, jetties, dikes and levees, flood control weirs, bioengineered walls, embankments, and non-structural methods such as building setbacks, structure relocation or ground water management.

**Shorelines** - All of the water areas of the state, including reservoirs and their associated shorelands, together with the lands underlying them, except ; except (i) shorelines of statewide significance; (ii) shorelines on segments of streams upstream of a point where the mean annual flow is twenty cubic feet per second or less and the wetlands associated with such upstream segments; and (iii) shorelines on lakes less than twenty acres in size and wetlands associated with such small lakes.

**Shorelines Hearings Board** - A state-level quasi-judicial body, created by the SMA, which hears appeals by any aggrieved party on the issuance of a shoreline permit, enforcement penalty and appeals by local government on Ecology approval of master programs, rules, regulations, guidelines or designations under the SMA. See RCW 90.58.170; 90.58.180; and WAC 173-14-170; 173-14-174.

**Shorelines of statewide significance** - A select category of shorelines of the state, defined in RCW 90.58.030(2)(e), where special preservationist policies apply and where greater planning authority is granted by the SMA. Permit review must acknowledge the use priorities for these areas established by the SMA. See RCW 90.58.020. Lake Washington is considered a shoreline of statewide significance.

**Shorelines of the state** - Shorelines and shorelines of statewide significance.

**Should** - “Should” means that the particular action is required unless there is a demonstrated, compelling reason, based on policy of the Shoreline Management Act and this Master Program, against taking the action.

**Sign** - A board or other display containing words and/or symbols used to identify or advertise a place of business or to convey information. Excluded from this definition are signs required by law and the flags of national and state governments.

**Significant tree** - those trees planted by the Town or that have a diameter of four inches or larger measured at four and one-half feet above the ground.

**Significant vegetation removal** - the removal or alteration of trees, shrubs, and/or ground cover by clearing, grading, cutting, burning, chemical means, or other activity that causes significant ecological impacts to functions provided by such vegetation. The removal of invasive or noxious weeds does not constitute significant vegetation removal. Tree pruning, not including tree

topping, where it does not affect ecological functions, does not constitute significant vegetation removal.

**Single-family residence** - A detached dwelling designed for and occupied by one family including those structures and developments within a contiguous ownership which are a normal appurtenance (WAC 173-27-040(2g)).

**Soft Structural Shoreline Stabilization** - Shore erosion control and restoration practices that contribute to restoration, protection or enhancement of shoreline ecological functions. Soft shoreline stabilization typically includes a mix of gravels, cobbles, boulders, logs and native vegetation placed to provide shore stability in a non-linear, sloping arrangement.

**Soil bioengineering** - An applied science that combines structure, biological and ecological concepts to construct living structures that stabilizes the soil to control erosion, sedimentation and flooding using live plant materials as a main structural component.

**Solid waste** - Solid waste means all garbage, rubbish trash, refuse, debris, scrap, waste materials and discarded materials of all types whatsoever, whether the sources be residential or commercial, exclusive of hazardous wastes, and including any and all source-separated recyclable materials and yard waste.

**State Environmental Policy Act** - SEPA requires state agencies, local governments and other lead agencies to consider environmental factors when making most types of permit decisions, especially for development proposals of a significant scale. As part of the SEPA process, EISs may be required to be prepared and public comments solicited.

**Stream, Shoreline** - A naturally occurring body of periodic or continuously flowing water where: a) the mean annual flow is greater than twenty cubic feet per second and b) the water is contained within a channel (WAC 173-22-030(8)).

**Structural Shoreline Stabilization** - Means for protecting shoreline upland areas and shoreline uses from the effects of shoreline wave action, flooding or erosion that incorporate structural methods, including both hard structural shoreline stabilization methods and soft structural shoreline stabilization measures.

**Structure** - A permanent or temporary edifice or building, or any piece of work artificially built or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner, whether installed on, above or below the surface of the ground or water, except for vessels. (WAC 173-27-030(12))

**Substantial Development** - Any development of which the total cost or fair market value, whichever is higher, exceeds 5,718, or any development which materially interferes with the normal public use of the water or shorelines of the state. The dollar threshold established in this subsection must be adjusted for inflation by the Office of Financial Management every five years, beginning July 1, 2007, based upon changes in the consumer price index during that time period. A list of activities and developments that shall not be considered substantial development is provided in Chapter 3;

***Substantially degrade*** - means to cause significant ecological impact.

***Terrestrial*** - Of or relating to land as distinct from air or water.

***Town*** – The Town of Yarrow Point.

***Upland*** – The land area above and landward of the ordinary high water mark.

***Variance*** - A means to grant relief from the specific bulk, dimensional or performance standards specified in this master program and not a means to vary a use of a shoreline. Shoreline Variances must be specifically approved, approved with conditions, or denied by Ecology (See WAC 173-14-150).

***WAC*** - Washington Administrative Code.

***Water-dependent use***- A use or a portion of a use which can not exist in any other location and is dependent on the water by reason of the intrinsic nature of its operations. Examples of water-dependent uses may include ship cargo terminal loading areas, ferry and passenger terminals, barge loading facilities, ship building and dry docking, marinas, aquaculture, float plane facilities and sewer outfalls.

***Water-enjoyment use*** - a recreational use or other use that facilitates public access to the shoreline as a primary characteristic of the use; or a use that provides for recreational use or aesthetic enjoyment of the shoreline for a substantial number of people as a general characteristic of the use and which through location, design, and operation ensures the public's ability to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of the shoreline. In order to qualify as a water-enjoyment use, the use must be open to the general public and the shoreline-oriented space within the project must be devoted to the specific aspects of the use that fosters shoreline enjoyment

***Water-oriented use***- Refers to any combination of water-dependent, water-related, and/or water enjoyment uses and serves as an all encompassing definition for priority uses under the SMA.

***Water-related use***- A use or a portion of a use which is not intrinsically dependent on a waterfront location but whose economic viability is dependent upon a waterfront location because: of a functional requirement for a waterfront location such as the arrival or shipment of materials by water or the need for large quantities of water or, the use provides a necessary service supportive of the water-dependent commercial activities and the proximity of the use to its customers makes its services less expensive and/or more convenient. Examples include manufacturers of ship parts large enough that transportation becomes a significant factor in the products cost, professional services serving primarily water-dependent activities and storage of water-transported foods. Examples of water-related uses may include warehousing of goods transported by water, seafood processing plants, hydroelectric generating plants, gravel storage when transported by barge, oil refineries where transport is by tanker and log storage.



**Watershed restoration plan** - A plan developed or sponsored by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Ecology, and/or the Department of Transportation acting within or pursuant to its authority, a city, a county or a conservation district that provides a general program and implementation measures or actions for the preservation, restoration, re-creation, or enhancement of the natural resources, character, and ecology of a stream, stream segment, drainage area, or watershed for which agency and public review has been conducted pursuant to 43.21C RCW, the State Environmental Policy Act.

**Water quality** - The physical characteristics of water within shoreline jurisdiction, including water quantity, hydrological, physical, chemical, aesthetic, recreation-related, and biological characteristics. Where used in this chapter, the term "water quantity" refers only to development and uses regulated under this chapter and affecting water quantity, such as impermeable surfaces and storm water handling practices. Water quantity, for purposes of this chapter, does not mean the withdrawal of ground water or diversion of surface water pursuant to RCW 90.03.250 through RCW 90.03.340.

**Wetlands** - areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas. Wetlands do not include those artificial wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland sites, including, but not limited to, irrigation and drainage ditches, grass-lined swales, canals, detention facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, farm ponds, and landscape amenities, or those wetlands created after July 1, 1990, that were unintentionally created as a result of the construction of a road, street, or highway. Wetlands may include those artificial wetlands intentionally created from nonwetland areas to mitigate the conversion of wetlands.

**Zoning** - To designate by ordinance, including maps, areas of land reserved and regulated for specific land uses.