

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants: [\[help\]](#)

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. background [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [\[help\]](#)

Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comprehensive Update & Periodic Review.

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

City of Chehalis, Washington

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

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4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

July 8, 2021.

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

City of Chehalis, WA

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

Council intends to adopt the updated Shoreline Master Program sometime during November, 2021, following a public hearing at the Planning Commission and the required 60-day review by the Washington Department of Commerce.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

No.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

Shoreline characterizations were completed to help determine the Shoreline Designations that establish the appropriate uses, policies and regulations for the shorelines that fall within the SMP's jurisdiction.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

N/A

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [\[help\]](#)

The SMP update must be reviewed for compliance with the State Shoreline Management Act by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Washington Department of Commerce must review for GMA compliance.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [\[help\]](#)

This proposal is to do a comprehensive update and the required periodic review of the City's Shoreline Master Program to reflect changes in local conditions and regulations, as well as any new legislation concerning the administration of Shoreline Master Programs that has been passed since the last periodic review.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [\[help\]](#)

The Shoreline Master Program will apply to 200 feet landward from all rivers with a mean annual flow of 20 cubic feet per second and all lakes 20 acres or greater in size, including any associated wetlands and floodplains.

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Name of signee Gary Cooper

Position and Agency/Organization Consulting Planner, City of Chehalis

Date Submitted: December 16, 2022

D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The update of the SMP will not increase discharges or emissions of any kind.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The update should be beneficial to plants, animals and fishes because it incorporates updated environmental standards and regulations that have been adopted since the last update.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

There would be no impact.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: none.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

Implementation of the updates within the SMP will be beneficial to the shorelines that fall within its jurisdiction because the SMP applies use standards buffers specifically designed to conserve shorelines while providing appropriate opportunities for public access and water-dependent uses.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The SMP establishes policies and regulations that encourage public access to shorelines, where possible and appropriate, and is not in conflict with any existing plans.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

The SMP establishes Shoreline Designations that have been developed based upon the environmental characteristics of the shoreline. These Designations establish allowed uses, policies and regulations tailored specifically to the shoreline that are designed to protect the shoreline.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

No increased demands are expected.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: None.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No conflicts are anticipated.