



**Shoreline Property Owners
and Contractors Association**

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of SPOCA:

In this newsletter I am sounding the call for action among SPOCA supporters in three significant areas:

- **SPOCA's Legislative Agenda**
Later in the year we will need your support in Olympia
- **Shoreline Master Program Updates**
Events are unfolding in your city or county now which will have significant impact on use of your shoreline
- **Control of invasive weeds**
Local jurisdictions are inconsistent in their approaches and challenges continue against effective eradication methods

SPOCA's volunteer board is active in these and other areas. But we need your help. Below you'll find details on these activities and how you can get involved.

We are grateful for your support and welcome you to attend SPOCA board meetings which are held at noon on the second Thursday of the month at the Northwest Marine Trade Association offices, 1900 N. Northlake Way, Suite 233.

Our meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month. All SPOCA members are welcome to attend. Please call 206 442 4254 to let us know you'll be there.

Dick Sandaas,
Chair, SPOCA
Shoreline Property Owner

SPOCA: WORKING TO HAVE SHORELINE PROPERTY OWNERS BE HEARD

SPOCA continues to develop and implement a process of communicating with state and local regulatory agencies and interest groups on issues of critical importance to shoreline property owners. SPOCA's focus for communications and outreach this year has been on Shoreline Master Programs and the state-mandated revisions of those programs. SPOCA has also begun a dialogue with state regulatory policy leaders, and other groups interested in shoreline protection and conservation. These communications are in an early stage, but are an important part of an overall effort to ensure that shoreline property owners voices are heard in setting state and local policies regulating shoreline property uses.

During the summer and Fall, the SPOCA Board plans to continue an active dialogue with key state regulatory agency personnel and administrators to increase state policy makers awareness of shoreline property owner concerns. Our concerns have focused on notice of pending regulatory changes, fairness and scientific underpinnings of proposed changes, and respect for property owners interests, including interest in water recreational use.

The voices of shoreline property owners need to be heard, continually, in Olympia.

SMP REVISIONS:

In several jurisdictions, SPOCA members are actively involved in Shoreline Master Program revisions, on behalf of SPOCA. These jurisdictions include Kirkland, King County, Seattle, Kenmore and Bellevue. SPOCA will seek to become involve in other SMP revisions, as resources permit, and welcomes participation by SPOCA members outside of the King County areas. Specific activities in jurisdictions under an SMP revision watch include:

KEY ACTIVITIES- GENERAL FOR EACH JURISDICTION

Establish communication link; get on email list; contact county or city staff;

Monitor website;

Monitor schedule, attend public meetings/hearings;

Review and provide comment on key work products:

- Inventory
- Goals and Policies
- Shoreline Designations
- Regulations
- Cumulative impacts analysis
- Restoration Plan

Issues to watch:

- Reference to 'pre-development' conditions in documents
- Not recognizing urbanization has occurred
- Targeting of all bulkheads for removal

Establish communications with staff project manager, develop positive working relationship

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- Targeting of all bulkheads for removal
- Eliminating or reducing numbers piers
- Inclusion and recognition of storm water runoff, invasive weeds as restoration opportunities
- Adopting federal guidelines as requirements, thus restricting flexibility to react to unique local conditions

SPOCA HAS BECOME INVOLVED IN THESE SMP REVISIONS:

CITY OF KIRKLAND SPOCA oversight: Dick Sandaas

Staff Contact: Stacy Clauson 425 587 3248 sclauson@ci.kirkland.wa.us
Web site: <http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/Planning.htm>

Issues to watch:

- Establishment of Goals and Policies
- What does 'better than no net loss' mean?
- Shoreline designation categories/Restoration Plan

Upcoming meetings:

- Kirkland Planning Commission, May 8, Council, May 20
- Public Participation Event, June

KING COUNTY SPOCA oversight: Dick Sandaas

Staff Contact: Jill Moe 206 263 6057 jill.moe@metrokc.gov
Web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/shoreoines/shoreoines-plan-update.aspx>

Issues to watch:

- Restoration Plan
- Third Draft, Shoreline Master Program, August 2008

Upcoming meetings:

- Fall, 2008, on Third Draft SMP
- County Council action on SMP, November, 2008

SEATTLE

Staff Contact: Maggie Glowacki 206 386 4036 maggie.glowacki@seattle.gov
Web Site: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/ShorelineMasterProgramUpdate/Overview>

Issues to watch:

- Shoreline Inventory
- Outcome of group developed issues/opportunities at March 'visioning' workshops

Upcoming meetings: None Listed

SAMMAMISH

Staff Contact: Maren Van Nostrand 425 295 0538 mvernostrand@ci.sammamish.wa.us
Web Site: <http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/smp.aspx>

Issues to watch:

- Development of Draft SMP
- Need to get materials produced to date

Upcoming meetings:

- Planning Commission, April 17
- Draft SMP review, fourth quarter 2008
- Council hearings early 2009, adoption by May 1, 2009

KENMORE SPOCA oversight: Eric Van

Staff Contact: Jill Ding 425 398 8900 jding@ci.kenmore.wa.us
Web Site: None to date

Issues to watch:

- Process just underway

Upcoming meetings: None Listed

BELLEVUE SPOCA oversight: David King

Staff Contact: Michael Paine 425 452 6864 mpaine@bellevuewa.gov
Web Site: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/shoreline-master-plan.htmw>

Issues to watch:

- Process just underway
- Inventory complete, Spring 2008
- Shoreline Analysis, Characterization, Spring/Summer 2008

MERCER ISLAND

Staff Contact: Matt Torpey 206 236 3260 matt.torpey@mercergov.org
Web Site: <http://www.ci.mercer-island.wa.us/Page.asp?NavID=2395>

Issues to watch:

- Process just underway
- Contracting for consultant support underway

PIERCE COUNTY SPOCA oversight: Mary Lyn Kappert

Staff Contact: Mike Erkkinen 253 798 2705 merkkini@co.pierce.wa.us
Pat Prendergast 253 798 3294 pprende@co.pierce.wa.us
Web Site: <http://www.piercecountywa.org/smp>

Issues to watch:

- Inventory and shoreline designations completed
- Development of Goals, Policies, Regulations underway, to be completed 9/08
- Development of Restoration Plan begins 7/08

Upcoming meetings: Shoreline Citizens Advisory Committee, SCAC, meets each month, last meeting April 10

THURSTON COUNTY SPOCA Oversight: Mary Lyn Kappert

Staff contact: Cinde Donoghue 360 754 3355, x 6242 donoghc@co.thurston.wa.us
Web Site: <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/shoreline-master-program/index.htm>

Issues to watch:

- Process just under way
- Scientific-Technical Advisory Committee established

Upcoming Meetings:

- Meetings to introduce process, April 29, May 21, 29
- Eliminating or reducing numbers of docks
- Inclusion and recognition of storm water runoff, invasive weeds as restoration opportunities

UPDATE ON LEGISLATURE'S CONSIDERATION OF DOCK LEGISLATION

During the past session of the Legislature, SPOCA members worked quickly and effectively with other concerned shoreline property owners from Eastern Washington to advocate on behalf of SB 6559, a bill to update the threshold requirement for requiring a substantial development permit for the construction of a dock under RCW 90.58.30. This bill is very similar to legislation sought by SPOCA in the immediate past session of the Legislature to amend and update the threshold requirement for securing a substantial development permit. In the case of SB 6559, and the previous bill, shoreline property owners were seeking passage of legislation to increase the threshold requirement for a substantial development permit to make the threshold more in keeping with the modern economics of dock and float construction, which have more environmental protection aspects than most previous construction. The threshold requirement has not kept up with construction techniques or costs for modern docks and floats.

While these bills have not passed the Legislature, SPOCA is determined to renew the effort, and increase the discussion with others, in the next sessions of the Legislature. With that in mind, we have begun a dialogue on this type of legislation with the Department of Ecology, which has opposed the legislation.

A CALL FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATORS

SPOCA is seeking people to act as volunteer shoreline neighborhood coordinators. We need neighborhood coordinators in beach and lake communities throughout Washington, primarily to help share information. The role of a neighborhood coordinator would be to help disseminate information on shoreline issues identified as significant by SPOCA, and provide input back to SPOCA on issues of concern to shoreline property owners. The time commitment would be minimal, but this is an opportunity to "spread the word" and inform yourself and your neighbors of potential local, state and federal actions which affect shoreline property rights.

If you are interested in serving as a shoreline neighborhood coordinator, please contact **Marina Hench** at **206-634-0911**. Marina can provide additional information on the role of a shoreline neighborhood coordinator.

