

**CITY OF SAMMAMISH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL**

Proposed Changes to the Environmentally Critical Areas Regulations of the Sammamish Municipal Code
(Chapter 21A.50 SMC) and Associated Shoreline Master Program Amendment

Notice is hereby given under SMC 24.25.160 that the City of Sammamish City Council will hold a public hearing regarding proposed changes to the Environmentally Critical Areas regulations contained in the Sammamish Shoreline Master Program.

On July 9, 2013, the City Council approved Ordinance O2013-350, which amended the Environmentally Critical Areas Regulations of the Sammamish Municipal Code (Chapter 21A.50 SMC) and associated Shoreline Master Program. Following the City Council's approval on July 9, 2013, the City transmitted the proposed Shoreline Master Program amendments to the Department of Ecology. On March 10, 2016, the Department of Ecology granted conditional approval of the Shoreline Master Program amendments. The Department of Ecology has identified three required amendments to the regulations, and several recommended amendments, which will require further action by the City Council.

SUMMARY of AMENDMENTS: The Department of Ecology has required the following amendments to the Environmentally Critical Areas regulations contained in the Sammamish Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and Sammamish Municipal Code (SMC):

1. Clarification of a reference in SMC 25.01.060 to incorporate the Environmentally Critical Areas regulations into the Shoreline Master Program.
2. Isolated wetlands shall be determined by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and shall require a shoreline conditional use permit if located within a shoreline jurisdiction.
3. Amendment of the effective date of the proposed regulations to 14 days following Department of Ecology's final approval.

The Department of Ecology has also recommended that the City Council consider several other amendments to the Sammamish Shoreline Master program, including clarifications related to the wetland rating system.

HEARING SCHEDULE: The City of Sammamish City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Shoreline Master Program amendments on **May 3, 2016**, as part of the regular meeting starting at 6:30 PM at City of Sammamish City Hall, located at 801 - 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish.

PRIOR PUBLIC REVIEW: The Planning Commission and City Council held a total of thirty-three (33) public meetings, including 4 public hearings, prior to adoption of Ordinance O2013-350 on July 9, 2013.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: A copy of the draft amendments and the Department of Ecology's conditional approval may be obtained by visiting the City's website at <http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/departments/communitydevelopment/CriticalAreas.aspx#> or by contacting the City of Sammamish, contact name and address listed below.

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