

**Joint Comment Period Summary:  
Draft 2024 Locally-Initiated Amendments to Lakewood, WA Shoreline Master Program (SMP)**

Joint Lakewood and Department of Ecology Public Comment Period  
(September 18, 2024 - October 17, 2024) and Joint Public Hearing (October 2, 2024)  
Prepared by Tiffany Speir, November 19, 2024

Comment Number	Comment Topic or SMP Code Section	Commenter	Comment	Lakewood Response
1	Geologically hazardous areas, mineral resource lands, mining, climate change, and natural hazards mitigation plans	Tricia R. Sears, <b>Geologic Planning Liaison</b> , WA Geological Survey (WGS)	<p>For this proposal submitted via Planview, I looked at the proposal and focused on areas related to WGS work. Of note, but not limited to, I look for language around the geologically hazardous areas, mineral resource lands, mining, climate change, and natural hazards mitigation plans.</p> <p>Specifically in this proposal, I reviewed the documents State Environmental Policy Act Determination of No Significance and the PC Memo from Tiffany Speir. The PC Memo states “As part of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Periodic Review, the City is updating its CAO to reflect the best available science (BAS) now available about how to protect fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas (FWHCAs) and to directly regulate critical areas not governed under the SMP. Also in 2024, the City is conducting a locally-initiated SMP update to reflect the changes made to the CAO. The update is strictly limited and does not amend any other text of the SMP.”</p> <p>The change in LMC 16.10.30 “Critical areas in shoreline jurisdiction are regulated by this SMP. As such, the Critical Areas and Natural Resource Lands Regulations, Ordinance No. 630 § 10, December 7, 2015, and Ordinance No. 362 3(part), November 15, 2004, codified under Chapter 14 of the LMC, ordinance no. XXX, 2024, codified under Chapter 14 of the LMC is herein incorporated by reference into this SMP (see Appendix A) with the exceptions and modifications noted below.”</p> <p><b>WGS has no suggested changes.</b></p>	Comment Noted.
2	Geologically hazardous areas	Tricia R. Sears, <b>Geologic Planning Liaison</b> , WA Geological Survey (WGS)	<p>Recognizing the limitations of the current proposals, I want to mention that it would be great for you to <b>consider these in future work</b>, be it in your comprehensive plan, development</p>	Comments noted for 2029 SMP periodic update and/or 2029 Comprehensive

			<p>code, and SMP updates, and in your work in general:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider adding a reference to WAC 365-190-120 geologically hazardous areas for definitions in other areas besides the CAO. In addition, consider adding a reference to WAC 365-196-480 for natural resource lands.</li> <li>• Consider adding a reference to the WGS Geologic Information Portal in other areas besides the CAO. If you have not checked our interactive database, the WGS Geologic Information Portal, lately, you may wish to do so. <a href="#">Geologic Information Portal   WA - DNR</a></li> <li>• If you have not checked out our Geologic Planning page, you may wish to do so. <a href="#">Geologic Planning   WA - DNR</a></li> </ul>	Plan and Development Regulations updates.
3	SMP update Comment deadline	Tricia R. Sears, Geologic Planning Liaison, WA Geological Survey (WGS)	<p>Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me. For your convenience, if there are no concerns or follow-up discussion, you may consider these comments to be final as of the 60-day comment deadline of 11/11/24.</p>	Comment noted.
4	Lake Steilacoom	James Foley, resident	<p>James Foley, Lake Steilacoom property owner, testified orally and submitted a written comment on the City of Lakewood's management of the lakes within the city, and specifically the expansion of Edgewater Park. Mr. Foley spoke on the condition of the lake, specifically the 40 submerged tree stumps just under the surface of the water. Mr. Foley questioned why the City staff have never removed them, noting that they are dangerous for boaters.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No additional changes planned for SMP 2024 beyond City-proposed amendments until periodic update in 2029.</p>