What is Kirkland’s Shoreline Master Program?

- Land-use policies and regulations that guide development.
- Implements 1971 State Shoreline Management Act (SMA).
- Applies to land within 200 feet of Lake WA and associated wetlands
- Last updated in 2010/2011 added annexation area
- No net loss to ecological function based on 2006 baseline
- Applies to expansion or alteration of existing uses/structures
- Still ok to repair, maintain, and operate existing uses/structures
Periodic Update

• **Consider:**
  • Changes to state law
  • List of potential amendments since adoption in 2010
  • Incorporate 2016 wetland and stream regulations and updating to meet best available science

• **Not** intended to be a major update or change to underlying policies and regulations
Public Outreach

- Early outreach to 1,300 property owners and to stakeholders (February)
- Public Notice Signs at 4 waterfront parks
- [Webpage](#) for periodic update
- Listserv - 60 subscribers
- Press releases
- Notice of hearing mailed to 1,300 property owners, stakeholders & distributed via listserv, and published in local paper
Summary of Proposed Changes (related to single family areas)

- Allow increased height for boat lift canopies (from 7’ to 12’)
- Allow pier bumpers
- Remove administrative WDFW / Army Corps approval option for piers and docks - so local regulations prevail
- *Remove administrative alternatives for shoreline vegetation*
- Remove depth standard for ells and floats attached to piers
- Add additional setback reduction incentive for removal of 50% of bulkhead
Summary of Proposed Changes (related to single family areas)

• Make nonconformance requirements consistent citywide
  • Extra piers and boat houses must be removed if property redevelops
  • Already required in annexed area
• Clarify when in-water boat ramps/rails must be removed (already prohibited in setback)
• Conformance trigger = redevelopment of property or new home
• Piers – with new decking, bring pier into conformance with dimensional standards to maximum extent feasible
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not sure how to interpret. but the provision for removing extra pier and boat houses is currently only in annexation area and is proposed to be applicable citywide.
Joan Lieberman-Brill, 5/16/2019

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add to the slide
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Summary of Proposed Changes (related to single family areas)

**Pier Length And Depth Revisions**

- **Current**
  - Length maximum 150’ for SF, Outer Harbor Line for MF
  - Depth minimum 9’/10’ at landward end of ells or floats attached to piers

- **Proposed**
  - Prioritize length as average of adjacent piers (150’ still max.)
  - Eliminate prescribed depth while still prohibiting boats from sitting on lakebed
Discussion

• Trees in shoreline setback
• Keep code alternative options for shoreline vegetation
• Don’t change current pier length rules
• Allow more than one boat lift
• Reconsider rules for nonconforming boathouses, multiple piers
• Boat ramps, and boat rails
• Bulkheads
• Bulkhead removal may have unintended consequences
• Mooring buoys should be allowed for properties that have a pier
• Geothermal heat pumps should be allowed in the lake
• Don’t require City review of milfoil removal plan
• Public process
• Policy concerns (OO Denny and overwater condos)
• Lack of shoreline inventory for annexation area
Additional Topics - Discussion
Your Input is Important

• Summary & contact info on back of agenda
• FAQ after tonight’s meeting
• Some of it may make it into staff recommendations
• All comments will go to Council
• Council may take the following action on all comments:
  • Incorporate amendments
  • Add for study in a future work program
Next Steps

• All comments will be provided to City Council & HCC
• June 8 - Comments received during 30 day comment period sent to Ecology with City responses
• June 8 – Draft amendments sent to Ecology
• Staff will continue to refine amendments until June 8.
• By July 24 - Ecology makes initial determination of consistency
• Staff will consider revisions based on Ecology direction
• HCC will make recommendation to CC on August 26 (tentative date)
• City Council adoption by Ordinance on Sept 17 (tentative date)
• HCC final adoption by resolution
• Staff sends final packet to Ecology
• Ecology takes final action on SMP - effective 14 days after Ecology approval.