



SMP Periodic Review

January 22, 2024

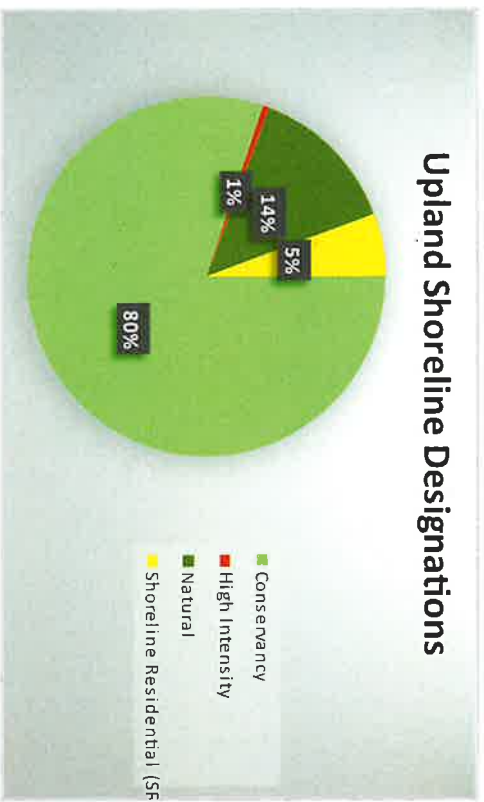


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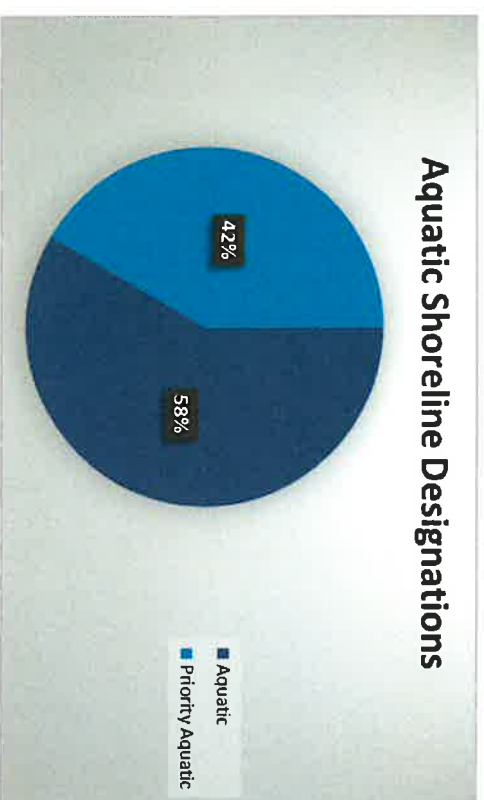
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Environment Designations - Jefferson County

Upland Shoreline Designations



Aquatic Shoreline Designations



Permit Options for Geoduck Aquaculture

Options for Geoduck Aquaculture	BOCC Direction
1. Planning Commission Recommendation: Standard CUP for Priority Aquatic or Aquatic (New) or Natural designations and otherwise Discretionary CUP. This is a mix of standard and discretionary CUPs for new, conversion, or expansions depending on shoreline environment designation.	
2. Same as #1 EXCEPT treat expansions like new geoduck operations.	
3. Modify #1 to change Standard and Discretionary CUP in use matrix.	
A. Modify CUP on use table/text to make a Standard CUP where Aquatic or Priority Aquatic designations about Shoreline Residential, Conservancy, or Natural Shoreline Designations. That would only leave shoreline reaches with Aquatic or Priority Aquatic abutting High Intensity as having a Discretionary CUP. B. Modify CUP on use table/text to make a Standard CUP where Aquatic or Priority Aquatic designations about Shoreline Residential or Natural Shoreline Environment Designations.	
4. Set Standard Conditional Use Permit process threshold criteria for geoduck aquaculture:	
A. Any new geoduck operation in any Shoreline Environment Designation. B. Any conversion or expansion in Priority Aquatic and Natural, and any conversion or expansion abutting Natural or Shoreline Residential Shoreline Environment Designations. C. In the Aquatic Shoreline Environment Designation, when the expansion or conversion would exceed 25% (current aquaculture threshold) or X acres in any 10-year period.	
5. Treat all geoduck aquaculture with standard CUP. (like #2 was a Planning Commission considered option)	

Other Counties

- **Kitsap County:** All geoduck (new and conversion) is Conditional Use Permit. No discussion of expansion. CUP requires a hearing. County also has an administrative CUP, but it's only applied to shoreline stabilization.
- **Clallam County:** All geoduck (new and conversion) is Conditional Use Permit. No discussion of expansion. CUP requires a hearing. There are no CUP sub-types.
- **Mason County:** New geoduck requires CUP. Conversions do not require CUP. No discussion of expansion. CUP requires a hearing. There are no CUP sub-types.

Aquatic and Priority Aquatic in Jefferson County SMP

Priority Aquatic Description	Priority Aquatic Criteria	Aquatic Description
▪ The priority aquatic designation protects to the highest degree possible and, where feasible, restores waters and their underlying bedlands deemed vital for salmon and shellfish.	(A) Documented Endangered Species Act-listed salmonid streams and marine habitats (summer chum, chinook, and steelhead); (B) Estuaries that support Endangered Species Act-listed salmonid rearing; (C) Other freshwater shorelines that provide habitat for salmonid species (coho, fall chum, pink, and cutthroat) and are relatively undeveloped; (D) Intact drift cell processes (i.e., sediment source, transport, and deposition); (E) Documented forage fish spawning habitats (herring, surf smelt, sandlance); and/or (F) Important intertidal and subtidal shellfish areas (clam, oyster, crab, shrimp, and geoduck).	▪ The aquatic designation protects, manages, and, where feasible, restores lake, stream, and marine waters and their underlying bedlands that are not designated as priority aquatic.

Aquatic - Management Policies WAC 173-26

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| (E) Uses that adversely impact the ecological functions of critical saltwater and freshwater habitats should not be allowed except where necessary to achieve the objectives of RCW 90.58.020 , and then only when their impacts are mitigated according to the sequence described in WAC 173-26-201 (2)(e) as necessary to assure no net loss of ecological functions. | (F) Shoreline uses and modifications should be designed and managed to prevent degradation of water quality and alteration of natural hydrographic conditions. | (G) Local governments should reserve shoreline space for shoreline preferred uses. Such planning should consider upland and in-water uses, water quality, navigation, presence of aquatic vegetation, existing shellfish protection districts and critical habitats, aesthetics, public access and views. |
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Next Steps

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Consideration & Approval

- December 2023 – Q1 2024

Washington Department of Ecology

- Standard Process (WAC173-26-100)
- Ecology review process will start with a state comment period
- Following the Ecology comment period, Ecology determines whether to accept the county proposal or require changes