

**CITY OF WHITE SALMON  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

**WS-EC# 2015.003**

**APPLICANT: CITY OF WHITE SALMON**

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered “does not apply.” In ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words “project,” “Applicant,” and “property or site” should be read as “proposal,” “proposer,” and “affected geographic area,” respectively.

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

*City of White Salmon Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update*

2. Name of applicant: *City of White Salmon*

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared: *November 30, 2015*

5. Agency requesting checklist: *City of White Salmon*

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

*City Council Public Hearing and Approval of Draft SMP – February, 2016 (anticipated)*

*City Council Ordinance following Ecology Approval – June 2016 (anticipated)*

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

*The project area consists of the incorporated City of White Salmon. Shoreline regulations apply to development or actions on either private or federal properties within City limits and within the City's shoreline jurisdiction, which is generally 200 feet from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of the Columbia River. Federal actions, such as those undertaken by the Yakama Nation or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), are not required to adhere to the SMP. In the future, specific development proposals and significant modifications to existing development within the city will be reviewed consistent with the provisions of the SMP provided it is proposed within shoreline jurisdiction.*

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal:

- *Shoreline Inventory and Characterization, BergerABAM, January, 2015*
- *Shoreline Cumulative Impact Analysis and No Net Loss Report, BergerABAM, October, 2015*
- *Draft Shoreline Restoration Plan, October, 2015*

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

*Not applicable, this is a non-project application.*

10. List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for proposal, if known.

- *SEPA review pursuant to 197-11 WAC by the City of White Salmon*
- *Department of Ecology approval pursuant to 90.58 RCW*
- *City of White Salmon City Council approval and adoption of the SMP.*

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information or project description.)

*The proposal is a non-project action to amend White Salmon's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The SMP was last amended in 1984. This amendment is a comprehensive change which will bring the SMP up-to-date with State Guidelines (WAC 173-26) and scientific knowledge. Notable provisions of the new SMP will do the following:*

- Allow for water-related uses within the shoreline jurisdiction (see Chapter 6 of Proposed SMP and Figure 1A "Shoreline Environments Designation Map-Reach 1")*
- Require that development proposals provide public access to the shoreline when they create demand or an impact to existing public access, and when it is safe and environmentally feasible to do so. (See Chapters 3 and 5 of the Draft SMP).*
- Require that views of the shoreline be preserved from public areas (see Chapters 3 and 5 of the Draft SMP)*
- Require that native vegetation be preserved along the shoreline, including setting buildings back from the shoreline and requiring mitigations for impacts to native vegetation. (See Chapters 3 and 5 of the Draft SMP)*
- Limiting heights, and the proximity of structures to the shoreline (See Chapter 6 of Proposed SMP)*
- Prohibiting non-water-oriented commercial and industrial uses within the shoreline jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions.*

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

*The SMP has the potential to affect lands within the shoreline jurisdiction in incorporated limits of the City of White Salmon, primarily those within 200 feet of the Columbia River. The City of White Salmon is located in southwestern Klickitat County on the north bank of the Columbia River in Township 3N Range 10E, Sections 23, 24 and 25 and Range 11E, Sections 19 and 30.*

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:**

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

*Although this is a non-project action, comments have been provided in Section B with the intent of sharing general information about the Draft Shoreline Master Program.*

**1. Earth**

- a. General description of the site (underline one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous or other:

*The topography of White Salmon's shoreline is gently to steeply sloping toward the Columbia River. Slopes range from less than five percent to greater than 40 percent immediately adjacent to the Columbia River. In addition, in Reach 2, there is a talus slope with sheer cliffs adjacent to highway 14. 4*

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

*The steepest slopes in the shoreline jurisdiction occur near HWY 14 along the Bluff. The slopes in this location are well in excess of 40%.*

- c. What general type of soils is found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

*The soil type covering the largest area of the shoreline, according to the National Resource Conservation Service, is "Misc NC Forest Soils."*

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

*Yes, steep slopes exceed 40 percent occur throughout White Salmon's shoreline jurisdiction.*

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

*Yes, as part of future shoreline uses, erosion could occur in steeply sloped areas within the shoreline. The SMP contains geologically hazardous area protection standards in section 5.3.10 and buffer requirements to reduce the chances of erosion. The SMP and project specific SEPA review will apply as applicable to future projects, including review for erosion control measures.*

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

*Any development permitted pursuant to the proposed SMP revisions will follow applicable City codes, as well as State and Federal regulations, and would be subject to further SEPA review on a case-by-case basis to reduce or control erosion or impacts to the earth.*

2. **Air**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

3. **Water**

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, and wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

*The City of White Salmon is located on the Columbia River, which is a shoreline of statewide significance per chapter 90.58 RCW.*

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) to described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

*The Proposed SMP specifies uses and activities which are appropriate within 200 feet of the Columbia River in the City's regulated shoreline area. All future developments and activities within the 200 feet will be required to obtain a shoreline substantial development permit, conditional use permit, or variance unless otherwise exempted under the provisions of the plan and WAC 173-27-040. Furthermore, all new developments which are not otherwise exempt under WAC 197-11 will be required to undergo SEPA review.*

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*The proposal includes regulations that specify what alterations are allowed in aquatic areas. Withdrawals are not regulated in the proposed SMP. All withdrawals from the Columbia River would be regulated under a state hydraulic project approval.*

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

*The proposed shoreline jurisdiction which is part of this proposed SMP includes aquatic lands along the Columbia River which are mapped as 100-year floodplain.*

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

*All projects constructed within White Salmon's shoreline jurisdiction will be required to implement temporary and permanent erosion and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control the release of waste materials to the Columbia River. Chapter 5, Section 7 of the SMP will require that all projects within shoreline jurisdiction adhere to the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (current edition).*

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well? Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*The Proposed SMP includes provisions protecting critical areas within shoreline jurisdiction, however there are no aquifer recharge areas or wells within the SMA*

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage: industrial, containing the following chemicals; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

*The Proposed SMP includes regulations that specify what alterations are allowed, conditioned or prohibited within the shoreline jurisdiction. New septic systems are not allowed. All future industrial uses containing chemicals would be required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES) Industrial General Stormwater permit in accordance with section 5.7.1 of the SMP.*

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

*The primary source of runoff would be impervious surface from buildings, streets, and development improvements allowed under the Draft SMP. The proposal includes regulations controlling surface water runoff in Chapter 5, Section 7. All new development must comply with the stormwater management manual for Eastern Washington (current edition).*

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

*The proposed SMP will reduce the probability that materials will enter ground or surface waters. The proposal includes regulations to conserve vegetation around the water's edge, which will help keep waste materials from entering those waters. See Chapter 5, Section 6 of the proposed SMP. The Draft SMP requires compliance with the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington and includes provisions prohibiting new septic systems within the shoreline environment.*

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

- Provisions to protect critical areas and shoreline from development impacts through critical area buffers and use restrictions; (See Chapter 5, Section 3)*
- Provisions to require vegetation conservation along shorelines (See Chapter 5, Section 6)*
- Requirements to adhere to the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington.*
- General mitigation requirements if impacts are projected to occur from any activity or project; (See Chapter 5, Section 1)*

4. **Plants**

- a. Check, circle or underline types of vegetation found on site:

\_\_\_ Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, oak, cottonwood, other  
\_\_\_ Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other -  
\_\_\_ Shrubs



- \_\_\_ Grass
- \_\_\_ Pasture
- \_\_\_ Crop or grain
- \_\_\_ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops
- \_\_\_ Wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- \_\_\_ Water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other-
- \_\_\_ Other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

*The Proposed SMP discourages the removal of native vegetation from properties within shoreline jurisdiction and requires the replacement of vegetation to achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions (see Chapter 5, Section 6)*

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

*There are no known threatened or endangered plant species within or near the SMA.*

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

*The SMP Chapter 5, Section 6 emphasizes the retention of native vegetation within shoreline jurisdiction. Where removal cannot be avoided, a shoreline mitigation plan is required that requires replanting of native species to result in no net loss of shoreline ecological functions.*

e. List any invasive plant species known to be on or near the site.

*Within the shoreline jurisdiction there are blackberries and reed canary grass present.*

5. **Animals**

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: eagle, osprey, swift, cuckoo, heron, duck, geese

Mammals: deer, squirrel

Fish: salmon, trout, sturgeon

Reptile: kingsnake, frog

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

*According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Priority Habitat and Species data, the following species are listed as species either endangered, threatened, sensitive, monitored or a candidate species along or near White Salmon's shoreline: Chinook, Chum, Coho and Sockeye Salmon, Steelhead, Bull Trout, Pacific Eulachon, Sand Roller, Bald Eagle, Vaux' Swift, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Western Gray Squirrel, California Mountain Kingsnake, and Oregon Spotted Frog.*

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

*Yes. The Columbia River along White Salmon Shoreline jurisdiction is part of the Pacific Coast Flyway which is a migration route for migratory bird species. In addition the Columbia River is part of migratory route for salmon species.*

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

*One of the primary goals of the state Shoreline Management Act and the Proposed SMP is the preservation of the shoreline environment. The Proposed SMP includes specific provisions to address the preservation of fish and wildlife habitat critical areas (Chapter 5, Section 3) and critical freshwater habitat (Chapter 3, Section 2). There is a 200-foot width buffer established for the Columbia River as a Type S water. Within this area only development which adheres to the SMP is allowed and must achieve no net loss as demonstrated by a critical areas report*

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action. There are none known invasive animal species on or near the site.*

6. **Energy and Natural Resources**

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans for this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impact, if any:

*Native vegetation retention requirements will help provide shading of shoreline uses and reduce the need for mechanical cooling during the summer.*

**7. Environmental Health**

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal?

*The industrial use standards in Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Draft SMP prohibit the disposal and storage of industrial wastes in the shoreline jurisdiction. In addition stormwater BMPs are required to be implemented which would apply mitigation measures to industrial projects that ensure chemicals and wastes do not enter the storm system and damage the shoreline environment. Section 5.7 of the SMP prohibits connection to septic systems within shoreline jurisdiction.*

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

*The proposed draft SMP contains provisions requiring new development to connect to city sewer (see Chapter 5, Section 7, Regulation 4), and prohibits the storage and disposal of industrial wastes in the shoreline jurisdiction in (Chapter 6, Section 2). Individual projects will undergo SEPA review on a case-by-case basis, as required in the future.*

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment operation, other)?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

*All future development proposals will be subject to projectlevel SEPA review and Title 8 WSMC which places noise limits on new uses and activities*

**8. Land and Shoreline Use**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

*The White Salmon shoreline is characterized mostly by natural areas in the central portion of the shoreline, industrial use on the eastern extent of shoreline and a commercial nursery on the western portion of the shoreline. The shoreline is bisected by the BNSF railroad. Adjacent properties upland of shoreline jurisdiction are mostly commercial or light industrial uses.*

- b. Has the project site been used for working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term

commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or non-forest use?

*Land within White Salmon's shoreline jurisdiction has historically been used for agriculture, including areas that are now underwater due to the construction of Bonneville Dam.*

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

*White Salmon's shoreline contains industrial, commercial, recreational, utility, and transportation structures. The commercial agriculture operation on the western extent of shoreline jurisdiction is comprised of a series of greenhouses and metal utility shed structures. The BNSF railway bisects the area and the Hood River Bridge with its concrete support structures are located within the shoreline jurisdiction. Underground utilities such as storm, sewer, and water lines are also located in the shoreline jurisdiction.*

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

*White Salmon's shoreline is currently zoned R-1 (Single-family Residential) and RD (Riverfront District).*

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

*The shoreline is currently designated as Riverfront Planned District and Single Family Residential.*

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

*Existing environmental designations which apply to the shoreline under the 1984 adopted SMP designated the shoreline as Conservancy Environment. The proposed SMP would implement new SMP designations across White Salmon's shoreline.*

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

*White Salmon's shoreline contains designated critical areas as shown on the critical areas maps in the Comprehensive Plan, including wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, geologically sensitive areas, and frequently flooded areas. The Inventory and Characterization report, which was prepared in the early phases of the project, also shows wetlands, geologically hazardous areas, critical WDFW habitats, priority species and flood hazard areas. According to the inventory, the environmentally sensitive areas are generally located in Reach 1.*

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

*Not applicable, this is a non-project action.*

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

*This project is an update to the City of White Salmon's SMP, which is an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The SMP is being amended to comply with new State of Washington Guidelines contained in Washington Administrative Code 173-26. Existing land uses, the White Salmon Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance were taken into account when developing the Draft SMP.*

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

9. **Housing**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

10. **Aesthetics**

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed:

*The SMP would generally limit building heights to 35 feet with the exception of water-related commercial, industrial, and institutional uses which can be as tall as 45 feet in height.*

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed:

*View impacts are not expected to occur since there are few adjacent upland uses from areas of the shoreline which could develop. In addition, the majority of White Salmon's residential and commercial areas are located at the top of a large slope overlooking and far above the shoreline. No view impacts are expected. The limitation on building heights is expected to reduce view impacts across the shoreline.*

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

*The Proposed SMP places an emphasis on preserving visual access to the shoreline in compliance with State Guidelines. To accomplish this, the Proposed SMP limits building heights to 35 feet in all shoreline designations, with the exception of water-related commercial, industrial, and institutional uses in the High Intensity designation on the far eastern and western extents of the shoreline which could be as tall as 45 feet. Central areas of shoreline Reach 1 would be designated as Urban.*

*Conservancy and building heights could not exceed 35 feet, thereby preserving views of the Columbia River and shoreline from this publicly owned property.*

**11. Light and Glare**

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

**12. Recreation**

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

*The only designated recreational opportunity in the immediate vicinity of the White Salmon shoreline is the Bridge RV Park and Campground which has a horseshoe pit and limited parking. The RV Park is privately owned and operated. Because the vast majority of the Bridge RV Park property is located outside shoreline jurisdiction, the Draft SMP would not affect this use.*

*Informal recreational opportunities exist on White Salmon's waterfront in the form of water-related recreation such as boating, sailing, kayaking etc. Water-related recreational uses are a priority use in the Draft SMP in compliance with the SMP. Furthermore, the Draft SMP policies encourage the City to develop a park with water-related recreational elements along the City's shoreline (see Chapter 3, section 6).*

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.



No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any?

*Draft SMP Chapter 3, Section 7 and Chapter 6, Section 2 gives preference to new developments that provide for recreational activities and access to the City's shoreline. Developing a park and recreational facilities along the City's central waterfront is one of the primary goals of the SMP. Recreation, especially water-dependent recreation is a preferred use of the City's shoreline under the State Shoreline Management Act.*

13. **Historic and Cultural Preservation**

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

*During the process of developing the SMP, no information came to light about the location of historic buildings, structures, or sites.*

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation. This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

*During the process of developing the SMP, no information came to light about evidence of landmarks, features, material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance.*

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

*During the development of the SMP, notices of significant milestones, the release of work products and public meetings have been sent to tribal representatives and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation seeking their input. Although some Tribal representation*

*occurred at public meetings, no specific input on these topics was received.*

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

*Chapter 5 section 1 of the SMP outlines the methodologies for the protection of archaeological, historic and cultural resources prior to and during development. The regulations include documenting archaeological evidence prior to construction and stopping work if archaeological evidence or human remains are discovered during construction.*

#### 14. **Transportation**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

*The public street system providing access to the City's regulated shoreline area includes, but is not limited to S Dock Grade Road, HWY 14, and the Hood River Bridge. A majority of the shoreline jurisdiction (excluding the western nursery property) south of the BNSF rail line is at present only accessible via pedestrian access under the railroad tracks with permission from the Bridge RV Park owner.*

- b. Is site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

*There is no public transit serving the shoreline area.*

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

*Future development projects within the City's regulated shoreline jurisdiction may require the construction of new streets or roads and would be subject to project-level SEPA review.*

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

*The BNSF railway bisects White Salmon's shorelines. The Columbia River is used to transport goods and people by boat, barge, and other vessels.*

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

*The Proposed SMP attempts to limit the number of spaces within shoreline jurisdiction (see Chapter 6, Section 2.6). Parking as a primary use is not permitted within shoreline jurisdiction. Paking as an accessory use to a primary use is permitted subject to certain restrictions, mainly that it must be located landward from the principal use and that they be screened and lighted. Transportation facilities are encouraged to be located outside shoreline jurisdiction and require an analysis demonstrating that alternative locations and alignments were considered, and the SMP contains other provisions designed to limit the impacts of transportation facilities on the shoreline (see Chapter 6, Section 2.9)*

**15. Public Services**

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

**16. Utilities**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

*All of the above utilities are available within White Salmon's shoreline jurisdiction.*

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

*Not applicable. This is a non-project action.*

**C. SIGNATURE**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature *Catalina Munoz J.*

Date Submitted *11/30/15*

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## SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS

(Do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent of the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

- *Development permitted under the SMP may increase discharges to water, and emissions to air, and production of noise. However, the SMP is designed to reduce impacts to the shoreline environment to non-significant levels by avoiding impacts altogether or mitigating for them as discussed in the response to question 2 below.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

*Key policies and regulatory provisions of the SMP which are designed to reduce increased discharges to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances.*

- *Providing a protective vegetative buffer and limiting alterations to the buffers. The buffer will help reduce surface water discharges from development and preserve habitat for species (See Chapter section 6);*
- *Requiring that development be setback specified distances from the shoreline (see Chapter 6, Section 2);*
- *Requiring that shoreline development demonstrate compliance with mitigation sequencing (See Chapter 5, Section 1);*
- *Protection of critical areas under Chapter 5, Section 3 of the SMP by limiting development in these areas and requiring mitigation for impacts.*
- *Controlling surface water run-off for development activities by requiring compliance with the Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington (See Chapter 5, Section 7); and .*
- *Prohibiting the storage and disposal of hazardous materials in shoreline jurisdiction (see Chapter 6, Section 2.5).*

- *Noise is regulated by Title 8 of the WSMC.*

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

*Development allowed under the SMP has the potential to effect plants, animals and fish by increasing impervious surfaces, removing vegetation, developing within identified habitat and/or inwater areas.*

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:

- *Requiring buffers planted with native species and prohibiting the planting of non-native species*
- *Protect critical areas (wetlands, steep slopes, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, floodplain, and aquifers), as well as critical saltwater habitats within shoreline jurisdiction.*
- *Required setbacks for new uses from the ordinary high water mark.*
- *Mitigating measures for shoreline modifications, including limits on hard armored stabilization, limits on size of public docks and piers, quality standards for boat ramps, limits on dredge and fill.*

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

*Future development located in shoreline jurisdiction would likely use electric energy and natural gas for power and heating. Shoreline development would likely be accessed by gaspowered vehicles.*

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

*The draft SMP encourages pedestrian connectivity to the shoreline including a potential railroad overpass/underpass and connection to upland areas via S. Dock Grade Road. Establishing pedestrian connectivity to the shoreline will thereby encourage energy conservation through alternative modes of transportation.*

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains, or prime farmlands?

*The proposal would protect critical areas such as floodplains, wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, steep slopes, and aquifers.*

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

*Based on an inventory and characterization report which was completed in the early phases of the SMP Update project, the proposed SMP sets up policies and regulations to protect environmentally sensitive areas such as critical areas (wetlands, habitat, steep slopes, aquifers, and frequently flooded areas). Common protection measures from critical areas are buffers from wetland and geologic hazard areas. Development which affects critical areas is required to have a critical areas report analyzing the extent of impact and necessary mitigations. The proposed SMP also helps protect critical freshwater habitats.*

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

*The White Salmon Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance were used to prepare the Draft SMP, which allows for similar uses as do the City's other planning documents. The Draft SMP, further prioritizes water-oriented uses over non-water-oriented uses. The Draft SMP also prohibits uses which are prohibited by the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance such that uses will not be allowed which are incompatible with existing plans.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

*Only compatible uses are allowed by the Draft SMP, therefore, no mitigations are required.*

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

*Development allowed under the SMP may increase demands on transportation and public services.*

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

*Future development proposed under the Draft SMP will be required to undergo review under SEPA and the City's zoning and development regulations, as applicable, and may result in required mitigation measures to address increased demand on transportation and public services. In addition, the envisioned park on White Salmon's waterfront would include a trail which would allow for walking and cycling.*

7. Identify if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

*The SMP does not conflict with local, state or federal laws. The City's SMP is being updated in order to comply with updates to the Washington State Shoreline Management Act, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 173.26) adopted in 2003 by the Washington State Legislature.*