**Omak Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review 2023**

The City of Omak’s Shoreline Master Program (SMP) guides development along the shorelines. The City began working to update the 1991 version of the SMP in 2006 and submitted it to Ecology in 2016. The SMP was last updated in 2018, and includes policies and goals as part of the Comprehensive Plan Shorelines Management Element, Chapter 6 and regulations found in Chapter 18.21 OMC.

Omak completed its Periodic Review of the SMP in 2023, which is a requirement of the Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080. The review allows the SMP to stay current with any changes in the law and rules; the review also ensures the SMP remains consistent with other regulations.

As part of the review, Omak created a public participation plan and PowerPoint; Omak circulated a survey to which 5 people responded – the results are attached. Omak also provided the public opportunities to participate and comment on draft documents, including at the last planning commission meeting on February 7, 2023; No public comments were received.

Omak received a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to support the update. Ecology creates a Periodic Review Checklist, which summarizes recent amendments to state laws, rules and implementation guidance that may trigger the need for local SMP amendments during periodic reviews. A completed version of the Periodic Review Checklist is attached.

Overall, few required amendments were identified, while several were indicated as recommended/optional. In general, the recommended amendments identified in the Periodic Review Checklist are minor; including items such as exemptions and definitions. Proposed amendments include:

* Updating the definitions of “development,” “floodway,” and “substantial development.”
* Deleting the cost threshold for docks and deleting references to building new docks; docks are prohibited.
* Updating exemptions of a substantial development permit to add/include Americans with Disabilities access.
* Updating the cost threshold for substantial development permits.
* Updating Wetlands rules, based on Ecology’s guidance for wetland protection, which was revised in 2022