**What is a Shoreline Master Program (SMP)?**

A comprehensive shoreline land-use plan that:

- balances public and private interests,
- accommodates all appropriate shoreline uses,
- promotes public access
- protects shoreline processes, and
- applies to new uses and modifications.

It is not retroactive.

**Where does the SMP apply?**

- marine shorelines and aquatic area,
- lakes greater than 20 acres,
- land within 200 feet of the ordinary high water mark of these waterbodies, and
- associated wetlands

**What’s the purpose of the SMP?**

The State requires Shoreline Master Programs to meet these goals:

- encourage reasonable and orderly development of shorelines
- protect the natural character of Washington shorelines,
- provide shoreline recreational opportunities, and
- promote public access to shorelines.