

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist: Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

City of Cle Elum 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Area Ordinance Update.

2. Name of applicant:

City of Cle Elum

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

January 28, 2020

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Cle Elum

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

The City plans to adopt the amended Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) following a City Council public hearing in May 2021. The SMP will be effective following acceptance by the Department of Ecology.

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

This is a non-project action that will not include any material additions or expansions.

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

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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.

There are no known applications or proposals pending approval that would affect the City of Cle Elum's 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance Update.

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

The City of Cle Elum City Council must locally adopt the amendments to the Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Ordinance. The Washington State Department of Ecology must approve the amendments to the SMP prior to the document being effective.

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 on project description.)

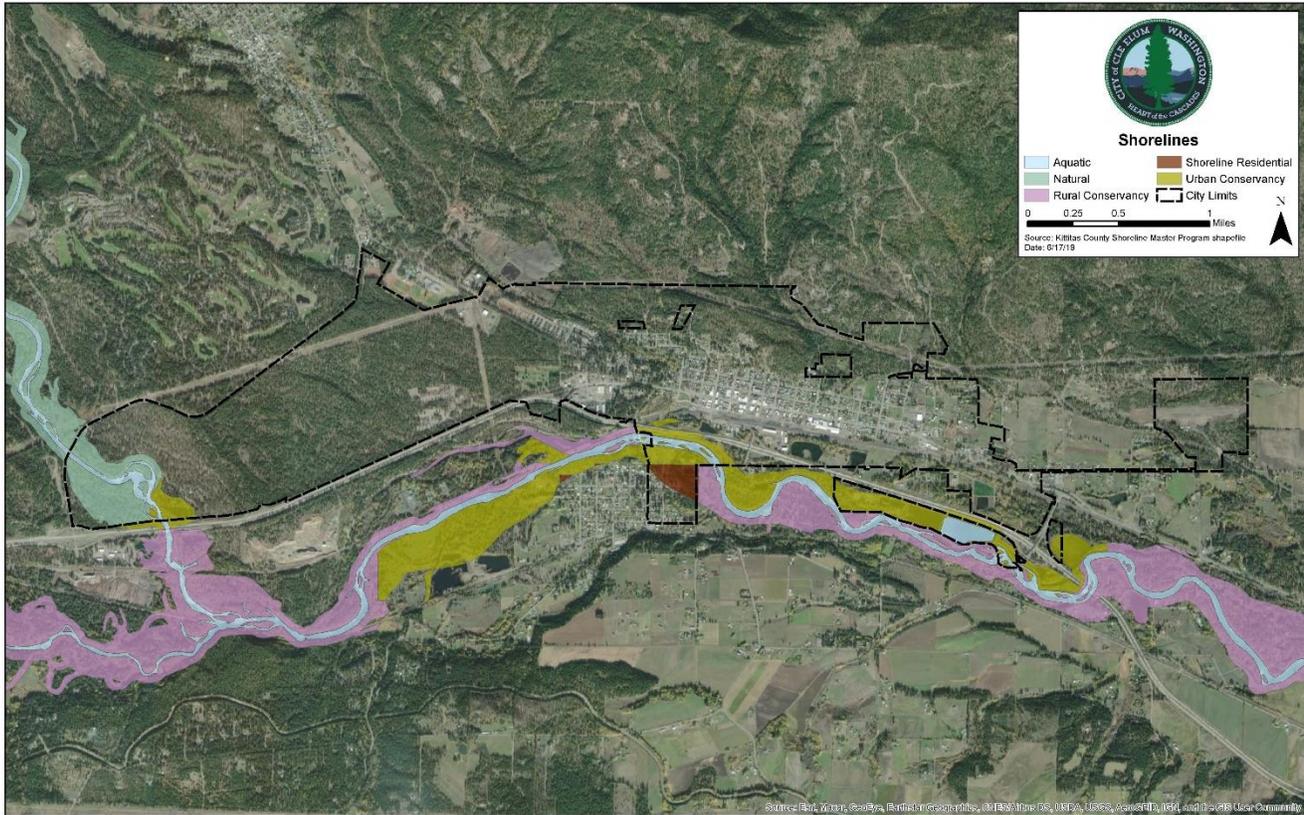
The City of Cle Elum (the City) is mandated by the Growth Management Act of Washington (GMA) to review and update its comprehensive plan and development regulations according to RCW 36.70A.130(5), which includes review and updating of the City's Critical Area Regulations per RCW 36.70A.130(1)(c). The City is also mandated to update its Shoreline Master Program under the Shoreline Management Act pursuant to RCW 90.58.080.

The City proposes to amend its SMP consistent with the requirements under the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) to review, and, if necessary, revise its SMP at least once every eight years. RCW 90.58.080 specifies the deadline for the City to review, amend and adopt an amended SMP by June 30, 2021. The City also proposes to amend its Critical Area Ordinance (CAO). These amendments are intended to ensure consistency between the City's SMP, CAO, and laws and guidelines that may have changed since the City last updated its SMP and CAO.

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 applies to all areas within the City's shoreline jurisdiction. See below for a map of the current adopted Cle Elum Shoreline jurisdiction and the shoreline environments.

Figure 1: City of Cle Elum Shoreline jurisdiction and the shoreline environments



B. Environmental Elements

No discussion of the individual Environmental Elements is required for GMA actions per WAC 197-11-235.3.b.

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

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: Brittany Port

Name of signee: Brittany Port, AICP

Position and Agency/Organization Land Use Planner, AHBL

Date Submitted: 1/28/21

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [\[HELP\]](#)

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?

The 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance Amendments are not anticipated to increase discharge to water or air, or produce or release toxic or hazardous substances, or create noise impacts.

If there is a proposed project that is likely to increase discharge to water or emissions to air or the production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, after the adoption of the Shoreline Master Program 2021, and updated Critical Areas Ordinance, impacts will be mitigated through the SEPA environmental review process associated with the proposed project action.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

As a non-project action with no expected impacts to air, nose, water, or toxic or hazardous substances, no mitigation measures are proposed.

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

The adoption of the City of Cle Elum 2021 Shoreline Master Program and Critical Area Ordinance amendments are not anticipated to impact plants, animals, fish or marine life. If there were an impact, it is likely the amendments will result in an improvement to the protection of plants, animals, fish and marine life within the City's shoreline jurisdiction in that the amendments made are being done in accordance with changes to state law or best available science.

Individual development projects permitted under the City's SMP or CAO could have impacts to plant, animals, fish, or marine life. Any impacts that may result from these projects will be mitigated adequately through the SEPA Environmental Review process and Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Ordinance permitting process for the specific project.

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

No measures are proposed at this time.

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

The 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance amendments will not have any impact on energy or natural resources. Individual projects permitted under the SMP or CAO could have minimal impacts to energy or natural resources. Any impacts that may result from these projects will be mitigated adequately through the SEPA Environmental Review process and Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Ordinance permitting process for the specific project.

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

No measures are proposed at this time.

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, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

No impacts are anticipated to environmentally sensitive areas due to the 2021 Shoreline Master Program amendments. The adoption of the amended Critical Areas Ordinance will result in an improvement to environmentally sensitive areas.

If there are environmentally sensitive areas located on or within the vicinity of proposed projects within the City, the appropriate mitigation would occur through the SEPA Environmental Review process for those project actions, as well as Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Ordinance permitting process for the proposed improvements.

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

No measures are proposed at this time.

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 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance amendments will result in improved protections for the environment. Changes to permitted land uses and shoreline uses are not proposed as part of the amendments.

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

No measures are proposed at this time.

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

No impacts are anticipated to transportation or public services and utilities as a result of the adoption of the 2021 Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and Critical Areas Ordinance amendments. If there are any impacts to transportation or public services and utilities from projects that may be permitted under the SMP or CAO, the appropriate mitigation will occur through the SEPA Environmental Review process for those project actions, as well as Shoreline Master Program and Critical Areas Ordinance permitting process for the proposed improvements.

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

This non-project action is not anticipated to directly impact transportation, public services, or utilities.

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

The 2021 Shoreline Master Program periodic review and Critical Areas Ordinance amendments are expected to align with local, state, and federal laws and requirements for the protection of the environment.