

METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed Ordinance 2019-0143

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Metropolitan King County Council and Washington Department of Ecology on the 21st day of August, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1001, King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington, to consider adoption of Proposed Ordinance 2019-0143, relating to the 2019 periodic review of the shoreline master program. Following the public hearing, the Council may take action on the Proposed Ordinance. The County has prepared the draft shoreline master program amendments to keep it current with changes in state law, changes in other County plans and regulations, and other changed local circumstances.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

King County and the Washington Department of Ecology are accepting comments on a periodic review of the County's shoreline master program (SMP) under RCW 90.58.080(4). Public comment will be accepted from July 17, 2019 through August 23, 2019. Comments may be sent to Jenny Ngo at 516 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Room 1200, Seattle, WA 98104, emailed to [CouncilCompPlan@kingcounty.gov](mailto:CouncilCompPlan@kingcounty.gov) or submitted online at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/shorelinemp/comment.aspx>. Comments received by King County will be forwarded to the Department of Ecology.

A joint local-state public hearing is set for August 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the King County Council Chambers located at King County Courthouse, 516 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Room 1001, Seattle, WA 98104.

### **ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

Proposed Ordinance 2019-0143 would modify the regulations within the shoreline jurisdiction by:

- Establishing new definitions for commercial salmon net pens, geoduck aquaculture, nonnative marine finfish aquaculture, noncommercial native salmon net pens
- Revising the definition of aquaculture to exclude harvest of wild geoduck associated with a state-managed wildstock geoduck fishery
- Revising the definition of aquatic area to include conveyance systems with contributing water from a wetland
- Establishing policies for net pen aquaculture
- Prohibiting commercial salmon net pens and nonnative marine finfish aquaculture in King County and native marine finfish aquaculture in Quartermaster Harbor.
- Adding requirements for certain types of geoduck aquaculture to obtain a substantial development permit and/or conditional use permit consistent with state law
- Adopting the 2014 wetland rating manual and adjusting wetland scoring, both within and outside of the shoreline jurisdiction
- Modifying buffers for Categories I, II, and III wetlands and provisions for buffer reduction and buffer averaging, both within and outside of the shoreline jurisdiction
- Establishing a provision for granting relief from shoreline master program permitting for certain restoration work within the urban growth area
- Establishing a targeted review time of 90 days for state highway projects with an estimated cost of less than 500 million dollars.
- Establishing that the shoreline master program applies in the shoreline jurisdiction, and identifies shorelines, shorelines of statewide significance, shorelands and the one-hundred-year floodplain as comprising the shoreline jurisdiction
- Updating definitions for terms used in the shoreline master program

### **FINAL CONSIDERATION**

In addition to the proposed amendments contained in the Proposed Ordinance, Councilmembers may offer additional amendments for consideration by the Council. As a result, persons interested in any of the issues raised in the Proposed Ordinance should make their views known at the public hearing on August 21, 2019 or during the public comment period

that ends on August 23, 2019. Amendments that may be considered for adoption by the Council on August 21, 2019 or thereafter include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Revising the definition of wetlands consistent with the state definition
- Establishing standardized buffer widths for all wetlands in unincorporated King County
- Updating minimization measures, averaging requirements, land use intensity impacts, and allowed alterations

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

The complete text of the Proposed Ordinance is available, and will be mailed to you, upon request to the Clerk of the Council, Room 1200, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104, telephone 206-477-1020. Proposed Ordinance 2019-0143 is available on the County Council's website at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/shorelinemp.aspx>. You may also view this notice at the Clerk's page at [http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinances\\_advertised.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinances_advertised.aspx).

DATED at Seattle, Washington this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Melani Pedroza  
Clerk of the Council