

**Date:** December 28, 2015  
**To:** Lewis County Planning Commission  
**From:** Fred Evander, Senior Long Range Planner  
**RE:** **POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO LCC 17.25**  
**Attachments:** Proposed Changes to Chapter 17.25 – Shoreline Management

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The purpose of this staff report is to introduce a proposed change to the Lewis County Code to accommodate the revised Shoreline Master Program.

### **ISSUE**

The existing Lewis County Code contains Chapter 17.25 – Shoreline Management, a section that is intended to help implement the Lewis County Shoreline Master Program. As written, the section includes:

- Definitions;
- Methods to determine and regulate critical areas;
- Criteria for granting permits;
- Methods to consider appeals;
- Standards to enforce violations of the code; and
- A variety of other topics.

The draft of the revised Shoreline Master Program (as written) also contains standards and procedures for each of these items.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO CODE**

Since each of these various topics are included within the draft of the Shoreline Master Program, staff recommends that the Planning Commission consider the removal of all mention of the topics from LCC Chapter 17.25 (see the attached code for a draft of the proposal). The proposed changes would reduce duplication and potential contradictions between the code and the Shoreline Master Program, and would entirely point people from the code to the Shoreline Master Program for all applicable regulatory and procedural standards.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission consider the proposed changes to LCC 17.25 as written. If the Planning Commission agrees with the necessity for the changes, the Commission will hold a public hearing on the revisions at the same time as the changes to the draft Shoreline Master Program.