



***Shoreline Master Program  
Public Participation Plan  
2019 Periodic Review***

The City of Gold Bar is conducting a periodic review of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for the City's shoreline along Skykomish River, Wallace River, and May Creek. The SMP will determine the types and uses of shoreline development, provide for public access, and increase opportunities for restoration.

This update will require public participation throughout the planning process in 2018. City government will lead the update of the SMP by providing their input during regular meetings. The schedule for public participation will not only involve these meetings, which are open to the community, but also several opportunities for public comment through public workshops and a public hearing which will be held prior to City approval of adoption. Then, the SMP will be forwarded to the Department of Ecology for final review and approval.

From 2010 to 2014, Gold Bar's SMP was significantly updated and approved by the Department of Ecology. That plan included a study of the City's shorelines to maintain compliance with updated rules about shoreline development and restoration. This 2018 review is not expected to result in major changes to the goals, policies, and regulations in Gold Bar's current SMP.

### **Stakeholders**

As the Shoreline Master Program is reviewed, key stakeholders will be involved in the process. These include individuals and organizations who may be affected by, or have ideas about, improving the shoreline environment. An invitation to participate in public meetings as part of the SMP process will be extended to the following stakeholders:

- Shoreline property owners
- Residents of Gold Bar
- City government
- Snohomish County
- Tribes
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- FEMA
- Regional organizations

### **Meetings**

The Public Works Department will provide primary guidance on the SMP update process at meetings that are open to the public. Meeting schedules will be posted at City Hall, city website, and distributed by email. Each meeting will provide information about the progress of the work. More definitive information regarding agendas will be posted at City Hall prior to the meetings. Please call City Hall at 360-793-1101 for the latest information on meetings and the Shoreline Master Program project.

**Open House and Public Hearings**

In addition to the meetings, the City will host an Open House in the Fall of 2018 to present the draft SMP update. There, the City will listen to public feedback and respond to any comments, questions, and concerns. Once a final draft SMP is prepared, a public hearing will be held in which the City will approve adoption of the plan before the document is sent to the Department of Ecology for final review and approval.

**Additional Outreach**

Additional outreach for the project will be conducted through mailings to affected parties, postings on the City’s website, and other notices regarding the process and schedule of upcoming meetings.

**Gold Bar Shoreline Master Program Contact List**

If you would like to be included on the email list for Gold Bar’s Shoreline Master Program updates, please mail your contact information to:

**City of Gold Bar  
Shoreline Master Program  
107 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gold Bar, WA 98251**

You may also email your contact information to:

**John Light, City of Gold Bar Public Works Director  
j.light@cityofgoldbar.us**

**Contact Information:**

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