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### **Notice of Open Record Hearings**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Board of County Commissioners will be holding Public Hearings on Benton County's Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review and on an Ordinance amendment to BCC 15-Environment (Critical Areas) on June 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Third Floor, Courthouse, Prosser, **in person and via a virtual meeting format** (see below for more information). Benton County is accepting comments on the periodic review of the County's Shoreline Master Program and on the ordinance amendment to BCC 15.02 and 15.14.

**Shoreline Master Plan** - The county has prepared draft SMP amendments to keep the SMP current with changes in state law, changes in other county plans and regulations, and other changed local circumstances.

The proposed amendments within the Plan consist of housekeeping edits to reflect updated code sections, dates, etc. Deleting the definition for Board of Adjustment and adding text for Hearing Examiner, adding text to the definition for "Development", amending the definition for "Substantial development" by updating the dollar amount for exceeding the fair market value, adding text to Section 15.04.120 regarding "Developments not required to obtain shoreline permits or local reviews", adding text to 15.06.030 for external or internal retrofitting of an existing structure for compliance with ADA, amending 15.07.030 by adding language to Substantial Development Permit exception applying to dock construction, and amending 15.07.150 to add a language regarding County permit review time

**OA 2021-002** -AN ORDINANCE relating to critical areas; general provisions and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas; amending the sections relating to applicability and performance standards-general requirements; amending Ordinance 609, Section 13 and BCC 15.02.120; amending Ordinance 609, Section 54 and BCC 15.14.040; and amending Ordinance 609, Section 56. This amendment updates references within the Applicability portion of the ordinance; amends the buffer requirements; and amends and changes the title to Section 56 to read "Appendix A - General References and Best Available Science" and adds the words "general references" when referring to the list of data and best available science.

Proposed amendments to the county shoreline master program are available for review at <https://tinyurl.com/SMPUpdate2021> and at the County Planning Division Office within the Public Services Building at 102206 E. Wiser Parkway, Kennewick WA 99338. The Ordinance amendments will also be available for review at <https://tinyurl.com/pubnotice>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Shoreline Master Plan and the proposed ordinance amendment have been reviewed under the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act and Determinations of Non-Significance (DNS) for both proposals were issued on February 24, 2021 and accordingly Environmental Impact Statements were not required. Any comments regarding these determinations and the environmental impacts of the proposals can be made at the Board of County Commissioners Hearing or in writing to the Benton County Planning Division by 3 p.m. on Monday June 21, 2021.

To continue to provide citizens access to public meetings, Benton County **in addition to in person attendance**, will also be providing telephonic and video access for the public to view and provide testimony at public meetings. If you choose to join the meeting telephonically, we ask that you please limit background noise or mute your line to prevent any unnecessary interruption to the meeting. To find information on virtual attendance options, including streaming video, WebEx video conferencing and telephone, please visit <https://www.co.benton.wa.us/agendalist.aspx?categoryid=1181>.

Comments regarding the proposed ordinance amendment, Shoreline Master Plan or SEPA determinations of the proposals may also be submitted in writing to the Benton County Planning Division; P.O. Box 910, Prosser, WA 99350 or via email to [planning.department@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:planning.department@co.benton.wa.us) by 3 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2021. No individual with a disability shall be denied the benefit of participating in such meetings. If you wish to use auxiliary aids or require assistance to comment at a public meeting, please contact the Benton County Planning Division at least ten days prior to the meeting date to make arrangements for special needs.

At this hearing, the Board of County Commissioners may approve, or disapprove the amendments. Information concerning the applications can be obtained at the Benton County Planning Division, by calling 736-3086 (Tri-Cities) or 786-5612 (Prosser).

Dated at Prosser, Washington on this 4th day of June 2021.

JEROME DELVIN, Chairman  
BENTON COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners

Greg Wendt, Director  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

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