

**Shoreline Designation (SD) Criteria** (based on WAC)

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Criterion	Aquatic (A)	Natural (N)	Rural Conservancy -Resource Lands (RC-RL)	Rural Conservancy - Residential (RC-R)	Urban Conservancy (UC)	Shoreline Residential (SR)	High Intensity (HI)
<b>Location</b>	Applies to areas waterward of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM).	Applies to cities, UGAs and rural areas.	Applies outside cities and UGAs.	Applies outside cities and UGAs.	Applies inside cities and UGAs.	Applies inside cities and UGAs.	Applies inside cities and UGAs.
<b>Comp Plan Designation/Platting</b>	Not Applicable	Is comp planned for park or open space uses. May be comp planned or platted for cluster development (to protect ecological functions).	Is comp planned or platted Rural-5, -10, -20, Rural Commercial, Rural Industrial, Forest, Agriculture, Agri-Wildlife, Mining, Parks/Open Space.	Is comp planned or platted Rural Center, Rural Residential, or Master Planned Resort, Parks/Open Space.	Is comp planned Park, Open Space, or Master Planned Resort.	Is comp planned or platted residential.	Is comp planned or platted for high intensity uses.
<b>Development</b>	Not Applicable	Contains little or no development. Development is limited to that minimally necessary to support allowed uses or cluster development (to protect ecological functions).	Is not highly developed. Most development consists of resource operations (farming, forestry, mining) and recreation opportunities. May contain (a) Master Planned Resort(s).	Is not highly developed. Most development is low-density residential located in rural centers and recreational.	Is not highly developed. Most development is recreational. May contain (a) Master Planned Resort(s).	Contains mostly single-family or multi-family residential development at urban densities.	Contains mostly industrial, commercial, port facilities, mixed use or multi-family residential development at high urban densities.
<b>Resource Industries</b>	Not Applicable	There is no existing agriculture, forestry or mining.	Contains comp plan-designated agriculture, forestry, or mineral resource lands.	May contain existing resource industries that are not comp plan-designated agriculture, forestry, or mineral resource lands.	May contain existing resource industries that are not comp plan-designated agriculture, forestry, or mineral resource lands.	Does not contain existing resource industries.	May contain existing resource industries that are not comp plan-designated agriculture, forestry, or mineral resource lands.
<b>Ecological Function</b>	Not Applicable	Ecological functions are intact. Has high opportunity for preservation and low opportunity for restoration.	Has moderate to high ecological function with moderate to high opportunity for preservation and low to moderate opportunity for restoration OR low to moderate ecological function with moderate to high opportunity for restoration.	Has moderate to high ecological function with moderate to high opportunity for preservation and low to moderate opportunity for restoration OR low to moderate ecological function with moderate to high opportunity for restoration.	Has moderate to high ecological function with moderate to high opportunity for preservation and low to moderate opportunity for restoration OR low to moderate ecological function with moderate to high opportunity for restoration.	Has low to moderate ecological function with low to moderate opportunity for restoration.	Has low to moderate ecological function with low to moderate opportunity for restoration.
<b>Recreation</b>	Not Applicable	Has high potential for public recreation opportunities. Only passive recreation is appropriate to maintain intact ecological functions.	Has moderate to high potential for public passive or low-intensity water-oriented recreation where (1) resource industry-related safety concerns are minimal or mitigated; and (2) ecological functions can be maintained or restored.	Has moderate to high potential for public passive or low-intensity water-oriented recreation where ecological functions can be maintained or restored.	Has moderate to high potential for public passive or active water-oriented recreation where ecological functions can be maintained or restored.	Has low to moderate potential for public passive or active water-oriented recreation where ecological functions can be restored.	Has variable potential for public passive or active water-oriented recreation where ecological functions can be restored.
<b>Scientific/Educational Value</b>	Not Applicable	Has high scientific or educational value.	Has moderate to high scientific or educational value.	Has moderate to high scientific or educational value.	Has moderate to high scientific or educational value.	Has low scientific or educational value.	Has very low scientific or educational value.
<b>Ownership</b>	Not Applicable	Generally in public or conservancy ownership or under a covenant, easement, or tax program requiring conservation.	May be in public or private ownership.	May be in public or private ownership.	May be in public or private ownership.	Generally in private ownership.	May be in public or private ownership.

Also consider when applying:	
Vision	Planned uses
Degree of ecological function	Needs
Opportunity for restoration of environmental function	City/UGA/Rural
Degree of constraints (critical areas, archeology)	Whether it will support water dependent uses
Existing land use	