

# Shoreline and Coastal Planners Group

## Waterfront Redevelopment and Revitalization: Comprehensive Site Planning in Bellingham, Washington

Shoreline and Coastal Planners Group meeting  
September 30, 2009 • 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Old Georgia Pacific Mill, Bellingham, Washington

### Agenda

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| 9:15 a.m. .... Sign-in  | 11 a.m. .... Break   |
| 9:30 a.m. .... <b>Waterfront Revitalization in Bellingham</b><br>An overview of waterfront development history, issues and opportunities with an explanation of Ecology's role in brownfield site clean-up and re-development planning.<br><i>Barry Wenger, Washington Department of Ecology</i>  | 11:15 a.m. .. <b>Planning Challenges: Special Stormwater Needs and Community Inclusion</b><br>Stormwater and green building considerations for brownfield re-development sites; the use of community design charrettes in planning processes.<br><i>Chris Webb, P.E., Chris Webb &amp; Associates, Inc.</i>  |
| 9:45 a.m. .... <b>Balancing Multiple Uses and Needs: Revitalization from the Port Perspective</b><br>Planning to achieve a balance among development scenarios, water dependent uses and public access while being mindful of economic benefits; clean-up responsibilities; benefits of creating special management areas; preserving historic buildings and districts.<br><i>Mike Stoner, Environmental Director, Port of Bellingham</i> | 11:40 a.m. .. <b>Improving the City of Bellingham Waterfront through Cleanup and Restoration</b><br>Rehabilitation of an historic landfill adjacent to both estuarine and creek habitat via restoration of natural features and creation of public access points; Post Point Lagoon restoration; upcoming Little Squalicum Creek Estuary creation.<br><i>Renee LaCroix, Public Works, City of Bellingham</i> |
| 10:15 a.m. .. <b>Municipal Responsibilities and Priorities in Waterfront Redevelopment</b><br>Achieving a balance among development scenarios, water dependent uses and public access; accommodating changes in shoreline jurisdiction; Shoreline Master Program influence on redevelopment.<br><i>Tim Stewart, Planning Director, City of Bellingham</i>   | 12:05 p.m. ... <b>Eelgrass Habitat Restoration in Former Industrial Areas</b><br>Restoration of eelgrass beds in a former log pond; involving community members in collection and deployment of eelgrass seed; monitoring restored areas for measures of success, such as salmonid presence<br><i>Chris Fairbanks, Marine &amp; Fisheries Biologist, Fairbanks Environmental Services</i>                    |
| 10:45 a.m. .. Discussion/Q&A with Port and City presenters  |  |

12:30 p.m. .. Networking Lunch (brown-bag or local food establishment). Please take the opportunity to discuss professional issues with your peers during this lunch hour. If you choose to purchase lunch off-site, be mindful of the clock, as our field tour will depart *on time (1:30)* from 921 Cornwall!

1:30 p.m. .... Site tours: Waterfront revitalization area, eelgrass restoration site, landfill restoration site, other shoreline management points of interest. We will be walking between sites for >1 hour; come with appropriate footwear and be prepared for inclement weather conditions.

2:45 p.m. .... Reflections, concluding discussion and Q&A

3:00 p.m. .... Meeting End