

AGENDA

Clallam County Planning Commission

Planning Commission Meeting of Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission will conduct a regularly scheduled meeting in Room 160 of the Clallam County Courthouse, 223 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362 and by Zoom, meeting number 857 7304 5582 with passcode 12345. Materials regarding past and upcoming meetings are available at: <https://clallamcountywa.gov/meetings>

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. ROLL CALL**
- D. WELCOME**
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 19, 2025
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Housing Coordinator provided presentation to the BOCC regarding surplus properties on December 15th.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT on AGENDA ITEMS (not subject of hearing) – Please Limit Comments to Three Minutes**
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None
- I. PUBLIC HEARING/COMMISSION ACTION:** Continued Public Hearing regarding the County Comprehensive Plan update.
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS:** Continued work on the Comprehensive Plan Update, specifically 31.04, Transportation Element, comments from the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, and public comments.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT – Please Limit Comments to Three Minutes**
- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER**
- N. ADJOURNMENT**

Members:

Chair, Steve Gale & Vice-Chair, Ron Long
Bonnie Booth; Thomas Butler; Katina Hester;
Kenneth Reandeau; Jane Hielman; Dann May; Warren Billups

Department of Community Development Staff:

Bruce Emery, Director; Tim Havel, Deputy Director, Donella Clark, Principal Planner

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of December 3, 2025, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Chair Steve Gale, Vice-Chair Ron Long, Ken Reandeau, Katina Hester, Tom Butler, Jane Heilman, and Warren Billups. Bruce Emery, Director, Tim Havel, Deputy Director, and Donella Clark, Principal Planner, represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Hester motioned to approve the minutes with Commissioner Long seconding. Motion passed.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Reandeau talked about the RV Ordinance hearing at the Board of Commissioners. Director Emery explained the changes proposed by the Board, the removal of the 180 limitation, no need for storage of the second RV inside a garage or structure, allowance of a second occupied RV with approval of a Conditional Use Permit, and that public comment will be accepted until the reconvened BOCC meeting on January 20th.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: John Worthington requested that the Jimmycomelately science be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan along with provisions to encourage leafy greens to be farmed in the Sequim area.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Continued Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan will occur on December 17th.
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Director Emery discussed the steps taken to notify people of the rezones within the Sequim and Clallam Bay/Sekiu Urban Growth Areas. A news release was placed on the County website, information was added to the Comprehensive Plan Update website specifically discussing the rezones, and notices were placed at the Sequim and Clallam Bay libraries. Commissioner Gale commented that these notices would have gone unnoticed by him, and though not advocating for mailers, would suggest placing signs or doing a spot on the radio or a press release to the newspaper. Conversation regarding the supplemental analysis provided for the rezones was started, and Commissioner Hester asked that they discuss this at the next meeting instead.

The Commission began discussion on proposed changes to 31.02, County-Wide Comprehensive Plan. Commissioners discussed Commercial Forest land limitations of 80 acres, the right Essential Public Facilities have, Master Planned Resorts and the long term effects of tourism on the economy, lighting, and leaving the Homelessness Plan as an appendix and not quoting it within the plan. The Commission then began discussion of 31.04 and making references to joint planning as a historical reference, and removing some sections that are outdated, like the realignment of roads that have already occurred in the Lee's Creek Neighborhood. Next month's meeting will continue the discussion of 31.04, the Transportation element, the proposed rezones, the Jamestown comments, and public comments.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: John Worthington wanted to share maps and plans of the Jimmycomelately project. Rather than put money into a reservoir on the Dungeness River they

should be slowing it down. Mr. Worthington was instructed to send the maps and information he wanted to share to staff who would provide it to the Planning Commission.

- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Hester commented that the Comprehensive Plan has a lot of sections that talk about salmon and would like additional information regarding the Jimmycomelately project to see if this does need to be added. Commissioner Long commented that the details of the Jimmycomelately project may be too specific to fit within the Comp Plan.
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Commissioner Gale asked staff to provide a copy of the modified RV Ordinance.
- N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at __8:10 p.m.__

Clark, Donella

From: Emery, Bruce
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:57 PM
To: Clark, Donella
Subject: FW: comp plan comments

Hi Donella,

CPU comments received this evening.

Bruce

From: john worthington <worthingtonjw2u@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:45 PM
To: Emery, Bruce <Bruce.Emery@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: comp plan comments

Hello,

A city or county should have specifics in a comprehensive plan to create a clear, legally defensible framework that reduces litigation risks, provides certainty for developers and property owners, and ensures long-term vision is consistently and predictably implemented. Jimmycomelately science has been approved by Clallam County and is the Best available science.

Reduced legal and financial risk

Vague comprehensive plan language can leave a local government vulnerable to legal challenges from various stakeholders, including tribal governments. Specific language acts as a guardrail by establishing clear, documented procedures and goals that can withstand legal scrutiny. For example, the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe has filed lawsuits against the city of Seattle over dam operations, citing impacts on salmon and asserting the rights of nature. A city could better defend itself from such challenges by incorporating explicit, science-based standards into its planning.

Clear and predictable development

Specificity removes ambiguity in the development process, providing clarity for developers, property owners, and the public.

- **Avoids "scope creep":** Clear boundaries in the plan prevent project requirements from expanding in an uncontrolled way, which can lead to increased costs and delays.

- **Sets clear expectations:** Everyone involved has a shared understanding of what can and cannot be done, minimizing disputes over interpretation. For example, explicitly outlining the required steps for tribal consultation gives developers and city officials a clear path forward and ensures legal obligations are met.

Scientific and ecological objectives

Specific goals related to environmental conservation, such as including a percentage of salmon spawning grades, allow for measurable, evidence-based policy.

- **Measurable progress:** Rather than a generic goal like "protect salmon habitat," a measurable target like "protect 3% of salmon spawning grades" allows the city or county to track its progress and demonstrate accountability.
- **Consistent methodology:** Specifying a scientific methodology, such as principles derived from the Jimmycomelately Creek restoration, ensures that all projects are assessed against a consistent, objective standard.

Justification and documentation

- **Solid scientific basis:** The Jimmycomelately restoration is an example of successful, science-based restoration in the region. Referencing it provides a strong, defensible rationale for the proposed ecological approach. The project successfully restored tidal exchange, reconnected habitat, and led to significant increases in the chum salmon population.
- **Historical context:** Explicitly referencing specific, local conservation efforts like the Jimmycomelately project also provides important historical context for why certain measures are necessary and how they have been successful locally.

Jimmycomelately science should be written into the Clallam County Comp plan, because the GMA requires BAS. (Best available science.)

Summary of Legal Principles

The case law defines what local governments in Washington must do regarding BAS:

- **Document and Include:** The government must demonstrate that they have identified, evaluated, and included the BAS in their planning record.
- **Use Valid Science:** BAS is defined in WAC 365-195-905 as information that is peer-reviewed, uses transparent methodologies, has logical conclusions, and is well-referenced.
- **Reasoned Justification for Departure:** If the county or city chooses to adopt a policy that is less protective than what the science recommends (e.g., smaller buffer sizes than recommended by WDFW or the Jamestown Tribe's science), they must provide a well-documented, reasoned justification in their comprehensive plan or ordinance that balances other GMA goals.

- **Protect Anadromous Fisheries:** Local governments must give "special consideration" to measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries (salmon and steelhead).



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Memorandum

Date: December 3, 2025
To: Clallam County Planning Commission
From: Bruce Emery, Director of Community Development
Re: Planning Commission CPU Continued Public Hearing, 12/3/2025

Hello Planning Commission Members. The public hearing for the CPU will continue on December 17, 2025. In preparation for the meeting, I have included several attachments to prepare the Commission for discussion.

Policy Recommendations

As you recall, I forwarded you a supplemental memo on November 14th that included proposed policy edits/inclusions to address comments received by the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) and Tribal comments received earlier in the process. These changes are included in your packet for consideration. Also included is the Table containing Commission-directed policy changes (Table 2). I took the liberty to re-head the table to more clearly identify what it represents as we now have a total of four separate tables within the record serving various purposes. I have repeated this convention with the other tables as well. Table 2 contains draft edits directed by the Planning Commission but not yet confirmed.

Table 3 (also attached) is an updated Public/Agency Testimony and policy response table. It is complete concerning all written testimony received to-date and is in need of the Commission's review and confirmation. All additional written comments received to date have also been enclosed for your review.

Table 4 is a new item that has been necessitated by the Department of Commerce's CPU Checklist for Clallam County. The Checklist (Published on the County's CPU Web Page) includes a listing of identified changes to the GMA and Commerce's initial review of the County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations, and states whether, in their opinion, updates are required. While we had thought the consultants had addressed these issues, in reality, several were not completed. I have been working with the consulting team to respond to the issues identified. The enclosed Table 4 includes policy responses to a majority of these issues. There remains a handful of items that I will be bringing to you at a later date. Getting through the list as presented will be helpful in this process.

An updated version of the proposed Zoning text amendments have also been provided. Additional changes include recommendations to address gaps identified within the Commerce Checklist and are also summarized in Table 4.

Transportation Element

Materials constituting the scope of the Transportation Element are provided in your packet. These include a Technical memo provided by Facet NW that covers the relationship between land use choices and transportation impacts, Draft Zoning Maps that include updated formatting as requested by the Planning Commission, Copy of Section 31.02.410 through .425 (Transportation Element) of the Comprehensive Plan with updated edits, and the Projected Intersection Traffic Count and LOS Map for the Sequim Urban Growth Area.

Additional information may be required from the consultant's subagency who performed the traffic modelling. If additional information is forthcoming, I'll be sure to provide it promptly. In the interim, this information constitutes the Transportation Element in its entirety.

Sequim Land Use and Zoning Map Changes

In follow-up to last week's discussion on the proposed changes to the S(R-II) Zoning and Land Use designation, we provided a county-wide press release to media outlets including all papers and radio stations. Posting of right-of-way or private property (without permission) is not an option. We do feel that the latest effort, combined with all prior efforts, does exceed our notification requirements and obligations. As noted earlier, we have provided updated zoning change maps and have also included a revised S(R-II) Neighborhood Reference Map (see enclosed).

During last week's discussion, some interest was expressed concerning neighborhoods #5 and #16. We feel there exists a strong argument to include neighborhood #5 due to location and likelihood for higher-density development. This area could allow the exclusion of neighborhood #2, or simply be included as part of an over-all strategy to increase opportunities for higher density housing. In contrast, I would recommend against consideration of neighborhood #16 as it is not included within the City's water service area, and therefore, has very poor prospect of ever realizing higher-density development potential. The maps for the Sequim Water Service Area and Sewer Service Maps have also been provided for your reference.

Other Items

As requested by the Planning Commission, the Department's Habitat Biologist Manager prepared a report on the background of the Jimmycomelately Creek Project. The report describes the application of best available science, but more to the point, identifies that each river/creek system and each watershed has separate needs that are unique to each. Management approaches that used to set one-size-fits-all have not been successful. Although the comments received make a good faith effort to request that

formulas for success that have worked in one drainage system be applied to others, best available science indicates this is not an effective approach. In her report, she identifies that many of the same people who were involved in the design and execution of the Jimmycomelately project are also involved in restoration efforts on the Dungeness and other systems across the County. The Manager's report was considered in providing our responses in Table 3, referenced earlier.

The County's Housing Coordinator has been working on assembling an inventory of the County's surplus property. He will be providing a report during work session next Monday, before the Board of County Commissioners. He will release that information to me afterwards and I will provide you with the same during next Wednesday's meeting.

Given the ongoing state of information, I recommend that the Planning Commission continue the public hearing through January 7, 2026. Depending on how successful we are at concluding our work and getting you all needed information, we may be in a position to make a decision bringing this to a close at that point.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 360-417-2323 or at bruce.emery@clallamcountywa.gov.

Sincerely,



Bruce Emery, Director
Clallam County DCD

Enclosures:

- Draft policy changes included in 11/14/25 Supplemental Memorandum
- Updated Policy Response Table 2: Planning Commission Issues
- Updated Policy Response Table 3: Public/Agency Testimony
- Policy Response Table 4: Commerce Checklist
- Letters of Public Testimony revived since 12/3/25 meeting
- Updated recommended changes to the text of Title 33, Clallam County Zoning Code
- Technical Memorandum, Facet NW, 12/5/25, addressing land use and transportation impacts
- Revised Draft Land Use & Zoning Amendment Maps (Exhibits A, B & C)
- Revised Sections 31.02.410 through .425, Transportation Element, with recommended amendments.
- Press Release regarding CPU with emphasis on proposed land use and zoning changes, dated 12/4/25.
- Projected Traffic Volumes and LOS Map of Sequim area intersections
- Revised Sequim S(R-II) Zoning Neighborhood Reference Map
- City of Sequim Water Service Area Map
- City of Sequim Sewer Service Map
- Report providing Background on Jimmycomelately Creek Project, including use of BAS, Rebecca Mahan, Habitat Biologist Manager

Draft Changes from Comments Received from the PRTPO, and Review of Tribal Comments, 11/14/2025

Proposed Section CCC 31.02.280(3)(c), paragraph 3, amended to read as follows: In accordance with Washington State law, the Homelessness Task Force is responsible for developing a five-year homeless housing plan. In July 2024, a dedicated workgroup, consisting of Homelessness Task Force members and key community stakeholders, developed the 2025-2030 Homeless Housing Plan ([Appendix G](#)), which was formerly adopted by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners on May 27, 2025. The 2025–2030 Plan highlights the importance of a coordinated, community-wide approach to making homelessness in Clallam County rare, brief, and non-recurring. It seeks to strengthen the county’s homeless response system through five core objectives:

CCC 31.02.340(1)(c): (c) [Policy No. 3.] The critical areas ordinance [and the Shoreline Master Program](#) shall be utilized by Clallam County to help achieve environmental objectives, prevent environmental degradation, and to manage land use activities within the natural and intrinsic constraints of the landscape [and shoreline](#). ~~The interim critical areas ordinance which classifies, designates and protects critical areas shall be adopted as the County’s final critical areas ordinance.~~ The ordinances shall be amended as necessary to implement watershed or special area studies and to maintain consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Practices under this chapter should be evaluated periodically to ensure regulatory effectiveness in achieving stated objectives and fair notification to affected property owners.

NOTE: the removal of the sentence starting with “The interim critical areas ordinance...” was a recommendation from the consultants and approved by the Planning Commission as part of the public hearing draft edits.

New Section CCC 31.02.340(14)(g): [Prioritize the citing of sanitary waste facilities and information kiosks at recreational sites, shoreline accesses and other natural amenities that demonstrate a high level of recreational and tourism interest in order to protect resources from degradation and impacts from human waste and improper use.](#)

CCC 31.02.350(3): Clallam County shall recognize tribal nations [as co-managers](#) in adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. Affected tribal nations shall be notified of development applications prior to action and be given the opportunity to comment on the project’s impact to tribal rights, as required by the State Environmental Policy Act.

New Section CCC 31.02.420(1)(c)(iv): [Continue to participate in coordinated transportation planning through the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization to ensure regional consistency with other government agencies.](#)

New Section CCC 31.02.420(1)(d)(vii): ~~In collaboration with Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization, adopt a multimodal level of service policy for state Highways of Regional Significance that is compatible with the WSDOT multimodal level of service policy for Highways of Statewide Significance.~~

CCC 31.02.420(3)(i): ~~Continue to coordinate with Clallam Transit to support implementation of the agency's long-range system plan, with emphasis on primary routes serving urban areas and regional transportation corridors, consistent with its currently adopted Service Standards. Transit level of service should be evaluated according to Clallam Transit System performance criteria and Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization methodology which analyzes supply and demand in terms of passengers per seat, headway, and comparison travel time. Refer to "Transit Demand and Supply LOS Tables in CCC 31.02.430.~~

CCC 31.02.425, Paragraphs 3, 4 & 6:

The Highway Capacity Manual (1985) software is the methodology to determine highway level of service as revised by the Florida Department of Transportation to accept rural, transitioning, and urban land uses. This software was selected for two reasons: (1) the reference to land use and (2) to achieve consistency with State highways and regionally significant roads. ~~The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) is using the same software to determine level of service on regionally significant highways and roads.~~ The County Comprehensive Plan endorses the regional transportation planning of the PRTPO and assumes the level of service standards, deficiencies and system needs of the State highways.

A sophisticated traffic computer modeling package, Tmodel II, will be used by the County in cooperation with local jurisdictions. The model will contain the federal classified roads that qualify for ~~ISTEA Surface Transportation Program~~ funds which are rural major collectors, urban collectors, minor and principal arterials. The model will forecast the allocation of traffic to the network of collectors and arterials. Case by case, the new traffic generated from a development can be loaded onto the network to see if the level of service remains adequate. The traffic model will be the best tool available to monitor concurrency.

The PRTPO has selected a menu of transportation growth rates based on the ~~2022 OFM Medium Growth forecast wide-range-of-census-data~~ from the four-county region: Mason, Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam. The regional road system is analyzed with 1.5 percent, three percent and 4.5 percent transportation growth rates. Clallam County should plan for future regional transportation needs (County arterials) using the lowest transportation growth rate of 1.5 percent, realizing that east and west County will not experience the same growth. For major collectors and streets, the County should plan for future transportation needs using 50 percent of potential build-out as indicated on the County comprehensive land use plan.

CPU Policy Response Table 2: Planning Commission Issues

Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update Planning Commission Discussion and Corresponding Recommendations Planning Commission, through November 19, 2025.

The following recommends policy amendments and new policy language addressing concerns expressed by individual Planning Commissioners, taking into consideration the discussions that took place during the prior work sessions.

Concern/Issue Discussed	Recommended Policy/Amendment
1) Suggested policies to support the development of uniform development standards within UGAs, including sidewalks (surface materials), street lighting and landscaping, Setbacks, signage, commercial advertising (canopies, sign angles), shielding trash cans, etc. Think “theme of development.” Staff Comment: Suggest incorporation of abutting City standards for uniformity upon annexation; development of “theme” standards for UGAs without abutting city. Approved by PC, 10/1/25	Policies for UGAs affiliated with Cities are addressed in subregional plans and primarily require the County to coordinate with and implement the design standards of the neighboring city for consistent communities upon annexation. The Carlsborg UGA section of the Sequim-Dungeness Regional Plan includes instruction for development standards. To address standards for unaffiliated UGA's, we suggest new language under subsection CCC 31.02.240(1)(c) as follows: <u>Where an urban growth area is not affiliated with an incorporated city, the county shall work to implement uniform development standards that are commensurate to the scale, character and identity of the community. Features to consider may include but not be limited to sidewalks and surface materials, street lighting and landscaping, setbacks, signage, commercial advertising (canopies, sign angles), shielding trash cans, etc. The overall goal of this policy is to achieve a common theme of development that is reflective of the character and desire of the community.</u> Development of the actual standards will be set forth in the Zoning Code Update.
2) Look at text of Comp Plan and suggest edits to implement an Ag Commission to advocate for agricultural interests. New edits proposed 11/05/25.	Recommend a new subsection CCC 31.02.120(8): <u>Clallam County will fully appoint and work closely with the Clallam County Agricultural Commission to monitor emerging issues and challenges faced by area farmers, assist with regulatory support and innovative solutions to identified challenges, and to remain adaptive to new opportunities for</u>

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	<u>agricultural accessory uses that help to diversify and strengthen agricultural operations.</u>
3) Define “rural character” to incorporate social and cultural aspects and to be community-oriented. Approved by PC, 10/01/25	Recommend new subsection CCC 31.02.050(32)(j), “Rural character.” <u>(i) Areas that foster and reflect a strong sense of community ties, local identity, and shared rural values through land use patterns that support gathering spaces, civic institutions, and integrational continuity. These areas promote social cohesion by maintaining development scales and zoning that reinforce community interaction, volunteerism, and locally rooted traditions.</u>
4) Consider language that promotes intermediaries to negotiate on behalf of, and represent the interests of, landlords in order to create more balance between tenants and landlords. Approved by PC, 10/15/25	Recommend new subsection CCC 31.02.283(3)(k): <u>Advocate in the interest of reestablishing a functional balance between the landlord and renter communities with respect to local and state regulatory frameworks.</u>
5) Address the proliferation of vacation rentals and their impact on the housing market. Approved by PC, 10/01/25	Recommend a new subsection CCC 31.02.283(3)(l): <u>Establish a registry or similar mechanism to monitor and track the number of short-term rental units operating in Clallam County. Said registry could include key data points concerning short-term rentals and a requirement for life-safety inspections to ensure that designated short-term rental units meet minimum habitation requirements and are approved for the use indicated. Information obtained from the registry could be used to evaluate the impact of short-term rentals on the local housing market in balance with their contribution to the tourism industry.</u>
6) Consider alternative design standards for rural roads, such as road width and alignment, in order to influence and address	Consider new subsection CCC 31.02.420(1)(vi): <u>Where there exists a clear public benefit and local circumstances support, traffic calming techniques, such as raised crosswalks, variation in horizontal alignments, and other design features, should be utilized consistent with</u>

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traffic speed and to be more reflective of rural character. Approved by PC, 10/1/25	<u>adopted ASHTO Guidelines for the implementation of such features; provided, said design standards do not conflict with locally-adopted design standards.</u>
7) Establish a two-year deadline for the completion of the market analysis concerning indicators that would support the success of the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program. Rejected by PC, 10/15/25	Consider amending proposed language under subsection CCC 31.02.283(3)(h): "Temporarily suspend the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program identified under Subsection 31.02.115(2)(d), CCC, and monitor until such time as economic conditions emerge that are conducive to its success. <u>To facilitate the program's reestablishment, seek grant funding or other resources to conduct a market analysis within two (2) years of this amendment to determine the appropriate market conditions and economic indicators that would provide for the program's utilization and success.</u>"
8) Include additional policy language under County-Wide CP Climate Element that: 1) encourages the transition of the County vehicle fleet to EVs, and 2) transitions gas-powered maintenance equipment to electrical. Approved by PC, 10/15/25	Consider new subsection CCC 31.02.820(2)(c): <u>Although Clallam County is not required under House Bill 1181 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, opportunities to take such measures would nevertheless be in the public interest and could improve resiliency. Therefore, with increased resiliency in energy generation and transmission, the County should explore grant funding and other resources for the transition of the County vehicle fleet from gas/diesel-powered to electric-powered or other renewable energy sources, where feasible and practicable. The same should be pursued concerning gas-powered maintenance equipment.</u>
9) Public comments that request County commitment involving financial obligations for special-interest services/facility projects should be ignored. Rejected by PC, 10/15/25	Most comments of this nature were not provided with a policy update recommendation. The only one that comes close is Public Comment #60, that requests support for free community cultural centers. The policy language recommended does include an economic development objective: (under CCC 31.02.620(1)(j)(iv)) <u>"Support the development of cultural centers and facilities for the public sharing of the arts and</u>

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10) Incorporating statement about incentivizing smaller home construction, promotion of solar power, and active and passive geothermal power. Raised 11/19/25 by Commissioners Reandean and Butler.	<u>culture, and community events.” This language can be removed if desired by the Planning Commission.</u> Propose Amending existing Policy 3.2 (CCC 31.02.820(3)(b)): Align with the County’s Climate Action Plan to collaborate with partners to incentivize building improvements and retrofits for residential and commercial buildings in the County to improve energy efficiency, resilience, and justice. <u>Innovative energy efficiency alternatives, such as incorporation of passive solar heating systems and geothermal heating and cooling systems should be explored.</u> Suggest adding a new Policy 3.3 (CCC 31.02.820(3)(c)): <u>Smaller buildings are generally easier to heat and cool than large ones and use less energy. Create incentive structures that promote the creation of smaller residential dwellings to reduce energy reliance, increase resilience, and provide broader housing opportunities consistent with other Plan objectives.</u>
11) Incorporating statement under CFP discussion on Telecommunications that recognize satellite communication technologies as a viable alternative to fiber optic broadband service.	Suggest inclusion of the following at the end of the Telecommunication section of the CFP, on Page 27: <u>Alternative Telecommunication Technologies</u> <u>While expansion of broadband service remains fundamental to economic opportunity and communication needs of the County, emerging technologies in the area of wireless satellite internet and communication services are improving at increasing rates and may hold solutions for those more remote locations for which fiber optic broadband service remains infeasible or impracticable. Notwithstanding limitations regarding topography and forest vegetation, wireless satellite service also provides a viable alternative in terms of resiliency of service during and following natural disasters, such as earthquakes, landslides,</u>

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	<u>or widespread fire events that could potentially disrupt broadband service.</u>

CPU Policy Response Table 3: Public/Agency Testimony

Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update Summary of Public Testimony and Corresponding Recommendations as of December 10, 2025.

The following summarizes public testimony received as of the opening of the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) before the Planning Commission (November 5, 2025). Also included are corresponding policy recommendations, where appropriate for consideration by the Planning Commission. All written and/or recorded testimony will be retained as part of the record for the CPU.

Summary of Testimony Received	Recommended Policy/Response
1.a) Clallam County Public Works, Suggestions regarding policy responses to public comment, 11/5/2025. Suggested edits concerning Public Comment #1, CCC 31.02.420(1)(c)(ii).	Recommended Policy, Public Comment #1: CCC 31.02.420(1)(c)(ii). <u>Review need for new or alternative highway alignment to improve circulation and regional mobility in the Port Angeles subregion. Observe and track potential regional congestion points along the SR 101 corridor throughout Clallam County, and plan for new highway corridors and bypass alternatives as needed to address congestion and maintain arterial flow and efficient regional mobility.</u> <u>Suggested Language: "Proactively communicate and coordinate with the Washington State Department of Transportation to identify and plan for US 101 Highway corridor improvements, new alignments, and bypass routes needed to improve circulation, address congestion, and maintain arterial flow and efficient regional mobility throughout the county."</u> Additional staff Recommendation: Include "provide resilience" in the objectives of this section for internal consistency with CCC 31.02.820.
1.b) Clallam County Public Works, Suggestions regarding policy responses to public comment, 11/5/2025. Suggested edits concerning Public Comment #2, CCC 31.02.420(1)(c)(iii). In their comment, it was noted that the recommended policy change is	Recommended Policy, Public Comment #2: CCC 31.02.420(1)(c)(iii). <u>Pursue the development of a new highway connection from Neah Bay to Ozette along or near the coast.</u>

CPU Policy Response Table 3: Public/Agency Testimony

consistent with the 6-Year TIP that includes a project for a "Preliminary Study for Neah Bay to Forks Road."	Suggested Language: <u>"Assess options and feasibility of alternative/emergency access routes for the SR 112 north coast area, including an alternative route from Neah Bay to Forks."</u>
1.c) Clallam County Public Works, Suggestions regarding policy responses to public comment, 11/5/2025. Comments included context that the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity (NOPE) and the North Pacific Coast Lead Entity (NPCLE) have a process for prioritizing fish habitat improvement projects, including culvert replacements. The proposed language recognizes and incorporates this effort.	Recommend Policy, Public Comment #49, CCC 31.02.340(1)(f): <u>Clallam County shall prioritize culvert replacement and similar issues that presently result in barriers to fish passage as part of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) process.</u> Suggested language: <u>"Consider culvert replacement for fish passage improvements associated with Clallam County managed roads prioritized by the Lead Entities and that have secured funding or where potential funding (e.g., grants) has been identified. Additional considerations should include other benefits such as replacement of conveyance infrastructure that is undersized, damaged, or at or near approaching normal design lifespan."</u>
2.a) Clallam County Public Works, Suggestions regarding policy responses to public comment, 11/6/2025. Application should be limited to local access roads. State and federal standards applies to collectors and arterials. Using "considered" allows for decision process under 6-Year TIP.	Recommended Policy, Planning Commission Recommendation # 6, CCC 31.02.420(1)(a)(vi): <u>"For local access roads Wwhere there exists a clear public benefit and local circumstances support, traffic calming techniques, such as raised crosswalks, variation in horizontal alignments, and other design features, should be <u>considered</u> utilized consistent with adopted AASHTO Guidelines for the implementation of such features</u>; provided, said design standards do not conflict with locally-adopted design standards."
2.b) Clallam County Public Works, Suggestions regarding policy responses to public comment, 11/6/2025. Proposed changes in recognition that large equipment (dump trucks, etc.) are not yet available in electric power. Also, implementing change as a resiliency strategy first requires establishing	Consider new Section CCC 31.02.820(2)(c): "Although Clallam County is not required under House Bill 1181 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, opportunities to take such measures would nevertheless be in the public interest and could improve resiliency. Therefore, with<u>following implementation of</u> increased resiliency in energy generation and transmission, the County should explore grant funding and other resources for the transition of the County's <u>small</u> vehicle fleet

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local energy sources. Otherwise, it leaves the community vulnerable.	from gas/diesel-powered to electric-powered or other renewable energy sources, where feasible and practicable. The same should be pursued concerning gas-powered maintenance equipment.”
3) Emailed Testimony received from Ed Bowen, 11/5/25.	Requests retaining the PRC Vision Statement presently articulated under CCC 31.06.010. Staff agrees with approval of this request.
4. a) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. The Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) is a highly successful program that creates incentives and assistance through the Conservation District to increase protections for critical areas occurring on agricultural lands. Rejected by PC, 11/19/25.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.120(6). “Agricultural land users shall be encouraged to maintain water quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat consistent with commercial agriculture and prevent erosion of valuable agricultural soils. <u>To achieve this, Clallam County will pursue enrollment in the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) in partnership with the Clallam Conservation District, to create a non-regulatory approach to protecting critical areas on agricultural lands.</u> ”
4. b) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. The proposed change is consistent with tenants of the GMA. Note, “forest” was not stricken per comments as this appears to have been an error in the comment.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.140(1). “Retain <u>and prevent conversion of designated commercial/suitable</u> forest land in the County in-commercial forest land use, because of general economic benefits to the people of the County derived from forests, including timber production and processing, watershed conservation, recreation, and fish and wildlife conservation.”
4. c) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. The comments accurately cite WAC 365-196-480(2)(e) as requiring analysis of commercial forest lands <i>on a countywide basis</i> .	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.140(24). “Land designated as commercial forest shall remain in this classification unless a strong case can be made that the zoning could be changed without affecting the commercial viability of the surrounding forest land <u>on a countywide basis</u> . Zone change applications shall meet one of the following criteria.”
4. d) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Changes intended to	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.150(3). “Environmental impacts of mineral extraction can be substantial. Aggregate production temporarily

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better align with WAC 197-11-768, 365-190-080 and 365-196-830.	obliterates entire minesite ecosystems, but this loss can be <u>mitigated/minimized</u> with carefully sequenced reclamation. The effects of truck traffic can be a primary concern in designating construction aggregate mines. Damage to river beds can be another major impact of mining. Channel bar scalping can reduce the probability of flooding but can also change the river-bed morphology and <u>result in cascading ecological impacts harming fish populations and aquatic habitat functions</u> . Possible reduction of the quantity of groundwater is a concern in new mineral sites...”
4.e) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Suggested language to improve clarity.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.2560(1)(d). “An <u>adequate</u> buffer is required <u>adequate</u> to ensure that harvesting of timber or crops on adjacent resource lands is not precluded.”
4.f) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Changes to align with WAC 365-190-080 and 365-196-830.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.2560(1)(h). “The master planned resort is consistent with development regulations of the County to protect critical areas <u>to ensure no net loss of ecological functions and values</u> .”
4.g) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Implements full mitigation sequence per WAC 197-11-768.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.2560(1)(i). “On-site and off-site infrastructure impacts are fully considered and <u>follow the full mitigation sequencemitigated</u> .”
4.h) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Reflects language and intent of WAC 365-190-080 and 365-196-830.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.340(1)(c). “The critical areas ordinance shall be utilized by Clallam County to help achieve environmental objectives <u>including no net loss of critical area function and values</u> , prevent environmental degradation, and to manage land use activities within the natural and intrinsic constraints of the landscape...”
4.i) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Proposed language is internally consistent with prevention being less problematic than restoration.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.340(1)(e). “Clallam County shall work with other agencies, tribes and individuals to <u>prevent additional listing proactively protect populations</u> of fish, wildlife and plants under the Endangered Species Act through pro-active (rather than reactive)

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	planning and implementation of proper land use practices <u>and conservation measures.</u> "
4.j) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Given the process identified earlier under Comment # 1.c, staff does not support this change.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.340(1)(f). "Clallam County shall prioritize <u>culvert replacement and similar issues that presently result in identifying and removing barriers to fish passage including undersized or degraded culverts</u> as part of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) process." Note, changes made pursuant of Testimony 1.c, above, captured the above recommended language with the inclusion of "degraded."
4.k) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Proposed language that establishes consistency with CCC 35.20.270(4) and climate policies of CCC 31.02.820. Staff recommends Subsection (c) be amended to read: " <u>...locate and ensure the design of new development is conditioned to avoid...</u> " as a regulatory agency, Clallam County does not design a project, but ensures the project meets regulation.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.340(6). (a) <i>Policy 16.</i> "Clallam County <u>should will</u> work to <u>implement achieve</u> alternatives for sewage treatment plant discharges to marine waters. (b) <i>Policy 17.</i> Clallam County shall preserve the scenic, aesthetic and ecological qualities of the marine shorelines of Clallam County, in harmony with those uses which are deemed essential to the life <u>and safety</u> of its residents. Clallam County shall implement marine resource goals through the Clallam County Shoreline Master Program and/or critical areas ordinance, as now or hereafter amended. (c) (<i>New Policy 18</i>). <u>Clallam County shall locate and design new development to avoid the need for future shoreline stabilization to the extent feasible.</u>"
4.l) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Maintaining habitat connectedness is a substantial part of ecosystem health.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.340(7)(a). "Land use practices should protect, <u>connect</u> , and enhance habitat corridors, diversity and richness, and ensure protection <u>and connection</u> of wildlife corridors and habitat for threatened and endangered species. Wildlife corridors and riparian

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	areas should be maintained as important community infrastructure <u>and to promote wildlife diversity across connected landscapes.</u> "
4.m) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Amend 31.02.340(9)(a) to limit development in flood hazard areas, preserve ecological functions and maintain public access.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.340(9)(a). "Flood control should be undertaken in the context of varied uses including agricultural and residential, fish and wildlife habitat, water supply, open space, and recreation. Land use and related regulations and zoning should reflect the natural constraints of floodplains, meander zones, and riparian habitat zones <u>and limit development within these areas</u> . Flood control measures should <u>reserve</u> preserve ecological and community benefits <u>such as floodplain functions and public access opportunities to the fullest extent possible opportunities for other uses, including public access.</u> "
4.n) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Avoidance of impacts are preferable to minimizing or mitigating impacts.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.03.195(5)(b). " <u>Avoid and M</u> inimize the public costs and potential dangers associated with inappropriate development in frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, wetlands, fish and wildlife <u>habitat</u> conservation <u>habitat</u> areas, and areas with a critical recharging effect on aquifers."
4.o) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.05.210(6)(a). Eliminate reference to "state listed" with respect to bald eagles (no longer state-listed, only Federal).
4.p) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Bald eagles are a federal issue, not state.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.05.210(6)(c). "Clallam County should work with the <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u> Washington Department of Wildlife to develop an advanced Bald Eagle Management Plan for designated priority bald eagle habitat in the vicinity of Clallam Bay/Seki Urban Growth Area."
4.q) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Incorporating "retrofitting" is consistent with Subsection (3)(b).	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.820(3)(a). "Develop or modify building standards to reduce the impacts of climate change on indoor and outdoor building features. This may include requiring low-impact development <u>and retrofitting existing buildings</u> and stormwater runoff..."

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4.r) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 11/5/2025. Staff concurs that maintaining larger tracts of land is integral to ecosystem health and one of the key benefits provided by forest lots.	Proposed edits to CCC 31.02.820(7)(b). "Strengthen habitat and ecosystem resilience by inventorying and avoiding development in climate refugia and critical habitats to strive for no net loss of ecosystem attributes, with a focus on achieving net ecological gains. Expand habitat protection, quality, and connectivity through designations such as conservation areas, expanded buffers, <u>maintaining large blocks of commercial and private forest lands</u> , greenbelts, wildlife and open space bridges and corridors. Incorporate climate considerations in determining permissible activities within wetlands and wildlife habitats."
5) Emailed testimony received from Phyllis Sprinkle, 11/8/25. Supports adoption of policies for the protection of nighttime sky from the impacts of glare, consistent with recommendations from DarkSky Olympic Peninsula (see Public Comment, # 44).	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).
6) Emailed testimony received from Nancy Field, 11/8/25. Same as # 5, above.	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).
7) Emailed testimony received from Pete Saari, 11/9/25. Same as # 5, above.	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).
8) Emailed testimony received from John Gussman, 11/10/25. Same as # 5, above.	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).
9) Emailed testimony received from Jan Standish, 11/10/25. Same as # 5, above.	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).
10.a) Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025. Definitions.	Propose new definition under CCC 31.02.050(17): " <u>Environmental Justice</u> " means the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, tribal affiliation, disability

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• Add definition for “Environmental Justice (recommends using Dept. of Commerce’s definition).” • Define “Best Available Science.” • Clarification is needed to understand the newly added section (j) under the “rural character” definition, which seems to contradict sections F, G and I by supporting more extensive development. If the intention of section J is to support gathering spaces and community connection, clarify that this would be through focused or targeted zoning in already developed areas.	<u>or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, rules and policies that affect human health and the environment. Environmental justice ensures that laws, rules and policies help protect vulnerable and overburdened communities from unfair environmental and health impacts. It focuses on providing equal access to resources and benefits, preventing harm, and creating sustainable and thriving communities for everyone.”</u> Recommend a new Section 31.02.050(7): <u>“Best Available Science (BAS),’ means the current and best available scientific information derived from valid scientific processes, including peer review, standardized methods, logical conclusions and reasonable inferences, quantitative analysis, proper context, and references, consistent with the criteria specified under WAC 365-195-900 through 925. BAS also incorporates a synthesis of the current scientific body of knowledge meeting the criteria specified within this definition.”</u> Propose edits to CCC 31.02.050(32)(j): “Areas that foster and reflect a strong sense of community ties, local identity, and shared rural values through land use patterns that support gathering spaces, civic institutions, and integrational continuity. These areas promote social cohesion by maintaining development scales and zoning that reinforce community interaction, volunteerism, and locally rooted traditions.”
10.b) Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025. Under CCC 31.02.100(2), include in the list of identified land for public uses, include high-value ecosystems services (e.g. natural flood control, water storage, water filtration), wildlife corridors and riparian areas.	CCC 31.02.100(2) is verbatim language from RCW 36.70A.150. Recommended language may be better located under CCC 31.02.340. Propose new Section 31.02.340(1)(g): <u>“Policy 7. In addition to the identification of lands suitable for public purposes articulated under CCC 31.02.100(2), Clallam County should recognize the public benefits and work towards the acquisition and protection of lands that provide high-</u>

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	<u>value ecosystem services (e.g. natural flood control, water storage, water filtration), wildlife corridors, shorelines and riparian areas.”</u>
10.c) Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025. Amend Master Planned Resorts policy (CCC 31.02.250): • Include a Section that clearly indicates that local Tribes be included in the planning process before development agreements are completed. • Amend Section (g) to recognize need for preservation of agricultural and forest lands, and sensitive habitats when considering MPRs.	Propose new Section CCC 31.02.250(1)(k): <u>“Local tribes will be provided notice of application and will be included in the planning process before any development agreements or approvals are granted for a master planned resort.”</u> Propose edits to Section CCC 31.02.250(1)(g): <u>“The County finds that the land is better suited, and has more long-term economic importance, for the master planned resort than for no longer viable for the commercial management and harvesting of timber, and is not currently or likely to be placed in or agricultural production, if located on land that otherwise would be designated as forest or agricultural land of long-term commercial significance.”</u>
10.d) Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025. Amend Environment and Open Space Policies (31.02.340): • Section (1)(b): Add to the sentence the following underlined additions: “Prevention is less expensive than reversing up-pollution and ecosystem impacts later. Clallam County should consider the potential impacts and costs of treatment, or remediation and restoration for environmental degradation resulting from land use practices, before such practices are allowed.” • Section (1)(e): Add to the sentence the following underlined additions: “Clallam County shall work with other agencies, tribes and individuals to prevent additional listing, uplisting or local population	Propose edits to Section 31.02.340(1)(b): <u>“Prevention is less expensive than cleaning reversing up-pollution and ecosystem impacts later.</u> Clallam County should consider the potential impacts and costs of treatment, or remediation and restoration for environmental degradation resulting from land use practices, before such practices are allowed.” Do not recommend edits to CCC 31.02.340(1)(e). Changes made in response to WDF&W (# 4.i, above) already changed the dynamic of the section.

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declines of fish, wildlife and 3 plants under the Endangered Species Act through proactive (rather than reactive) planning and implementation of proper land use practices.” • New Section (1)(g): Add subsection G. Policy no. 7 as an addition to the new policy no. 6 to 32.02.340(1): “Clallam County will prioritize removal or retrofitting infrastructure that is placed within channel migration zones of streams and rivers to minimize negative impacts to fish and wildlife.” • New Section (4)(d): Make the final sentence of 31.02.340(4)(c) its own section D to highlight its importance and improve clarity and scope. Suggested change: “(D) Policy 13. Clallam County should undertake further studies of the groundwater regime of the County so that the factors influencing the quantity, quality and flow patterns of groundwater are more precisely known. These studies should prioritize…”	<u>Proposed new Section 31.02.340(1)(g): “Clallam County will prioritize removal or retrofitting infrastructure that is placed within designated channel migration zones of streams and rivers to minimize negative impacts to fish and wildlife and improve resilience.”</u> <u>Propose new Section 31.02.340(4)(d): “Policy 13. Clallam County should undertake further studies of the groundwater regime of the County so that the factors influencing the quantity, quality and flow patterns of groundwater are more precisely known. These studies should prioritize:</u> <u>i. Updating aquifer mapping and flow patterns focusing on vulnerability assessments related to sea level rise and saltwater intrusion.</u> <u>ii. Analyzing the impacts of climate change on groundwater supply, integrating projected future water demand, and assessing the feasibility of groundwater supplementation.</u> <u>iii. Implementing findings to direct withdrawals toward the least hydrologically connected and reserve shallow wells as back-up supplies, reducing their use as primary municipal sources.”</u>
10.e) Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025. Amend Climate Change and Resiliency Goals and Policies (CCC 31.02.820):	

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• Section 31.02.820(1): Consider adding a section that encourages agricultural water conservation programs (i.e. through Clallam Conservation District, WA Water Trust or other responsible entity) that put existing irrigation water rights to non-traditional beneficial uses without compromising their water rights. There needs to be more outreach and policies to disincentivize intentional inefficient use to demonstrate continuous beneficial use. • Section 31.02.820(1)(a) should include riparian areas as an ecosystem function improvement category. "Policy 1.1: Preserve land for long-term agricultural use, promote a regenerative framework, and restore ecosystem function on farms, such as wetlands, ponds, and riparian areas to preserve carbon sinks, promote water storage, improve soil health, and provide additional ecosystem services." • Section 31.02.820(1)(c) should include technical assistance for shifting to high-value, low water-use crops. "Encourage farmers to adopt sustainable business practices such as regenerative farming, water storage, shift to high-value, low water-use crops and upgrading irrigation." • Section 31.02.820(3)(b): Consider adding to the sentence "Specific activities to support energy justice may include expanding low-income energy assistance programs, promoting existing	Proposed new Section 31.02.820(1)(e): <u>"Policy 1.5: Encourage and promote agricultural water conservation programs through the Clallam Conservation District, Washington Water Trust, and other responsible entities. Consider the strategic use of irrigation water for non-traditional beneficial uses without compromising existing water rights and focus on disincentivizing intentional inefficient use simply to demonstrate continuous allocated use."</u> Propose amending Section 31.02.820(1)(a): "Policy 1.1: Preserve land for long-term agricultural use, promote a regenerative framework, and restore ecosystem function on farms, such as wetlands, and ponds, <u>and riparian areas</u> to preserve carbon sinks, promote water storage, improve soil health, and provide additional ecosystem services." Propose amending Section 31.02.820(1)(c): "...Encourage farmers to adopt sustainable business practices, such as regenerative farming, water storage, <u>shift to high-value/low water-use crops,</u> and upgrading irrigation..." Propose amending Section 31.02.820(3)(b): "Specific activities to support energy justice may include expanding low-income energy assistance programs, promoting existing weatherization incentives and assistance, upgrading cooling infrastructure in facilities serving vulnerable populations, and implementing alternatives like <u>preserving</u>
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weatherization incentives and assistance, 4 upgrading cooling infrastructure in facilities serving vulnerable populations, and implementing alternatives like preserving and increasing tree cover, shade structures and other passive cooling designs.” Section 31.02.820(4)(a): Consider adding to the sentence “This may include incorporating riparian and stream habitat conservation measures into land use and infrastructure (transportation, water, sewer, electricity and zoning) plans to protect salmonid (typo correction) habitats developed by the County in partnership with cities, Tribes, service providers, and state agencies.”	<u>and increasing tree cover, and adding shade structures and other passive cooling designs.</u>” Propose amending Section 31.02.820(4)(a): “ ... This may include incorporating riparian and stream habitat conservation measures into land use and infrastructure <u>plans to protect salmonid habitats</u> (transportation, water, sewer, electricity <u>and zoning</u>) <u>plans to protect salmonid habitats</u> developed by the County in partnership with cities, Tribes, service providers, and state agencies.”
Section 31.02.820(7)(a): Consider adding several terms to this section. “Prepare ecosystems for climate impacts by implementing restoration actions for streams, wetlands, and watersheds, focusing on <u>habitat</u> connectivity, reducing invasive species, and improving watershed processes. This includes restoring riparian vegetation, floodplains, and stream structures to protect native fish and other aquatic life. Enhance habitat and community resilience to climate change by protecting and restoring coastal ecosystems, <u>addressing adapting to sea-level rise</u>, and focusing on submerged aquatic vegetation and shellfish restoration for habitat and “blue” carbon storage. Evaluate shoreline restoration and cleanup efforts, including concerns for Tribal cultural resources.”	Propose amending Section 31.02.820(7)(a): “Policy 7.1: Prepare ecosystems for climate impacts by implementing restoration actions for streams, wetlands, and watersheds, focusing on <u>habitat</u> connectivity, reducing invasive species, and improving watershed processes. This includes restoring riparian vegetation, floodplains, and stream structures to protect native fish and other aquatic life. Enhance habitat and community resilience to climate change by protecting and restoring coastal ecosystems, <u>addressing adapting to sea-level rise</u>, and focusing on submerged aquatic vegetation <u>and shellfish restoration</u> for habitat and “blue” carbon storage. Evaluate shoreline restoration and cleanup efforts, including concerns for Tribal cultural resources.”

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habitat and “blue” carbon storage. Evaluate shoreline restoration and cleanup efforts, including concerns for Tribal cultural resources.” • Section 31.02.820(7)(b): Consider rewording the first sentence to – “Strengthen habitat and ecosystem resilience by inventorying and avoiding development in climate change-mitigating systems and critical habitats that provide valuable ecosystem services. At a minimum, ensure no net loss of ecosystem function with a focus on achieving net ecological gains.” • Section 31.02.820(12)(b): Consider adding an additional sentence to the effect of – “Promote lawn alternatives through xeriscaping and other low-water use, low maintenance designs. Clallam Conservation can provide direct consulting or provide resources to landowners to help facilitate lawn conversions and create co-benefits of reducing water use and promoting native species that support local wildlife and pollinators.” • The Section 31.02.820(12)(e): Consider adding an expansion of water reuse by publicly owned treatment works to this section.	Propose amending Section 31.02.820(7)(b): “<i>Policy 7.2: Strengthen habitat and ecosystem resilience by inventorying and avoiding development in climate <u>change-mitigating systemsrefugia</u> and critical habitats <u>that provide valuable ecosystem services. At a minimum, ensureto-strive for no net loss of ecosystem functionsattributes, with a focus on achieving net ecological gains...</u></i>” Propose amending Section 31.02.820(12)(b): “...Encourage residents to reduce water consumption through smart grid water use, repairing infrastructure, water reclamation systems, smart irrigation technologies, and updated water rates to discourage lawn watering. <u>Promote lawn alternatives through xeriscaping and other low-water use, low maintenance designs. The Clallam Conservation District can provide resources to landowners to help facilitate lawn conversions and create co-benefits of reducing water use and promoting native species that support local wildlife and pollinators. Promote incentives for sustainable food cultivation.</u>” Propose amending 31.02.820(12)(e) “... This includes maximizing on-site natural gas co-generation from anaerobic digesters, exploring the proximity of wastewater facilities to high-risk areas, <u>and-improving wastewater access routes, and expanding water reuse by publicly owned treatment facilities.</u>”
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10.f) Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025. Amend Sequim-Dungeness Regional Plan (CCC 31.03.455): Clallam County should articulate a strategy to address nearshore impacts from residential use in low-bank shoreline areas along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, in the Dungeness-Jamestown neighborhood focus section. The section should discuss the water quality concerns and challenges of siting and maintaining septic systems in high saturation areas. The section should also discuss the nearshore impacts and concerns from residential nearshore armoring and outline the requirements Clallam County established for designated critical habitat of listed species under 5 the Endangered Species Act. This section should summarize the steps the County will take to engage the low-bank shoreline neighborhoods to proactively reduce/limit the harmful nearshore impacts and develop meaningful compensatory mitigation for impacts that cannot be remediated in the short-term.	Propose new Section 31.03.465(3): Shorelands. <u>(a) Policy 5. The areas of Three Crabs Road, Seashore Lane, and portions of Jamestown Road and Jamestown Beach Lane are located within a low-bank shoreline area where impacts from upland development can result in substantial impacts to the near-shore environment. As identified climate risks, sea level rise and increasing magnitude and frequency of storm events also place such areas at risk of substantial harm from erosion, flooding, salt-water intrusion and septic failure due to inundation. The Clallam County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is identified as an element of the Clallam County Comprehensive Plan and is the primary regulatory authority for shoreland use pursuant to RCW 90.58. The following should be considered in developing a community and regulatory approach to addressing these changing conditions:</u> <u>(i) Suitability of the area to accommodate septic systems and potable wells in the context of changing conditions, given the potential impacts of bacterial contamination and risk of system failures.</u> <u>(ii) Increase risks to property and improvements, the commensurate increase in demand for additional protective shore armoring, and the cumulative impacts such armoring will have on adjacent properties and the nearshore environment, including impacts to designated critical habitat for species listed under the Endangered Species Act.</u> <u>(iii) Pursue broad public outreach with the intent of educating area residents on the risks associated with shoreline occupancy, problem solving, identification and execution of community-derived solutions rather than continuation of a piece-meal approach that merely reacts to individual circumstances.</u> <u>(iv) A systematic approach for identifying impacts and development of meaningful compensatory mitigation consistent with no net loss requirements under WAC 173-26-</u>
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	<u>201(2)(c) for unavoidable impacts from shore protection measures and development.</u>
11.a) Addendum to Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025, Comments (Received 11/26/25). Agricultural resource land inventory and issues 31.02.115: Consider removing or adapting (2) bullet point three: "<i>Preservation of valuable historic and cultural resources</i>". Agricultural land only preserves cultural resources that are below the plow zone and other agricultural land disturbances. The act of plowing impacts significant cultural resource information by disturbing the resources from their original context and potentially removing archaeological features which can yield important information about tribal history.	Recommend removal of 31.02.115(2), Bullet 3: ▪ Preservation of valuable historic and cultural resources;
11.b) Addendum to Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025, Comments (Received 11/26/25). • Historic and cultural resources polices 31.02.3530: a. Overall, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) believes these policies provide insufficient guidance on preservation of cultural resources. THPO recommends the removal of Policy 1 and 2. b. • THPO recommends adding Policies 1, 2, and 3 from the Clallam County Shoreline	Recommend removal of 31.02.350(1) and (2)(b): (1) "Policy 1. All jurisdictions should work individually and cooperatively to identify, record, study and encourage the preservation, maintenance and use of lands, sites, and structures that have historical and archaeological significance. The early identification and resolution of conflicts between preservation of historical or archaeological resources and competing land uses should be promoted and facilitated." (2)(b) "Cooperatively plan, implement, and maintain corridor management plans for all proposed and existing Washington State Scenic and Recreational Highways (Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 112). Identify the long-term landscape character desired for scenic and recreational highways and their related cultural resources, and implement landscape

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Master Plan 35.25.160 listed below with the following edits: i. “(1) Sites and resources having known or suspected archaeological, historic, or cultural value should be protected. These sites/resources are important, nonrenewable resources and many are in danger of being damaged or lost because of ongoing development. Wherever possible, sites should be permanently preserved for scientific study and/or public observation consistent with 36 CFR 800 and Chapter 27.53 RCW. If the presence of an archaeological site is unknown then a survey should be conducted by an archaeologist. ii. (2) Proposed development on or adjacent to an identified archaeological, historic, or cultural site should be designed and operated to be compatible with continued protection of the archaeological, historic, or cultural site. iii. (3) The location of historic, cultural, and/or archaeological sites/resources should not be disclosed to the general public unless adequate provisions can be put in place to ensure long-term protection and preservation of such sites/resources.” • THPO recommends the current 31.02.3530 Policy 3. be updated with a more extensive list of cultural resources regulations the County is required to follow including but not limited to: Clallam County	maintenance practices appropriate to ensure the resources' lasting character.” Propose adding new subsections (b) through (d) to 31.02.350(2): <u>“(b) Sites and resources having known or suspected archaeological, historic, or cultural value should be protected. These sites/resources are important, nonrenewable resources and many are in danger of being damaged or lost because of ongoing development. Wherever possible, sites should be permanently preserved for scientific study and/or public observation consistent with 36 CFR 800 and Chapter 27.53 RCW. If the presence of an archaeological site is unknown, then a survey should be conducted by an archaeologist.</u> <u>(c) Proposed development on or adjacent to an identified archaeological, historic, or cultural site should be designed and operated to be compatible with continued protection of the archaeological, historic, or cultural site.</u> <u>(d) The location of historic, cultural, and/or archaeological sites/resources should not be disclosed to the general public unless adequate provisions can be put in place to ensure long-term protection and preservation of such sites/resources.”</u>
	Propose amending 31.02.350(3): “Clallam County shall recognize tribal nations <u>as co-managers</u> in adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. Affected tribal nations shall be notified of development applications prior to action and be given the opportunity to comment on the project's impact to tribal rights, as required by the State Environmental Policy Act, <u>the Clallam County Shoreline Master Plan</u>.”

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Shoreline Master Plan, Executive Order 21-02, SEPA, RCW 27.53, RCW 68.60, WAC 25-48, WAC 25-46, RCW 42.56.300, RCW 27.44, RCW 68.50, etc	<u>Executive Order 21-02, SEPA, RCW 27.53, RCW 68.60, WAC 25-48, WAC 25-46, RCW 42.56.300, RCW 27.44, RCW 68.50, etc.</u>
11.c) Addendum to Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025, Comments (Received 11/26/25). Climate Change and Resiliency Goals and Policies 31.02.820 a. Goal 4. Cultural Resources & Practices i. Policy 4.2: Recommend the following additions: Work with local Tribes to co-manage and protect archaeological and sacred sites, cultural properties, ecosystems, traditional foods, plants, sacred sites and cultural properties from and resources from climate-related threats...”	Propose amending 31.02.820(4)(b): “Policy 4.2: Work with local Tribes to co-manage and protect <u>archaeological and sacred sites</u>, and cultural properties, <u>ecosystems, traditional foods, plants and resources</u> from climate-related threats...”
11.d) Addendum to Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, November 19, 2025, Comments (Received 11/26/25). Sequim-Dungeness Regional Plan: a. Rural land – Inventory analysis 31.03.260 (8) Historic and Cultural Resources: i. Recommend including the terms tribal cultural resources, sacred sites, and traditional cultural places in the list of resources of significance	Recommend amending 31.03.260(8): “<i>Historical and Cultural Resources</i>. The Sequim-Dungeness regional planning area has plentiful historical and cultural resources. Resources of significance include <u>tribal cultural resources, sacred sites, and traditional cultural places</u>, the Dungeness School, John Hyer Farm, Blue Mountain School, Emery Farmstead, Dungeness River Bridge, Manis Mastodon Site, McAlmond House, U.S. Quarantine Station Surgeon’s Residence, New Dungeness Light Station, New Dungeness, Graveyard Spit, Gierin Farmstead, Port Williams, and Washington Harbor.”
12) Email from John Worthington (received 12/03/2025). Comments included:	No policy recommendation. Agreed that policy language should be clearly articulated.

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• Urging concise and clear language in the Comprehensive Plan. • Concerning environmental conservation, urged use of “measurable, evidence-based policy.” • Provided specific inference to utilizing 3% grades for protecting salmon spawning habitat, identifying the same was established for the Jimmycomelately Creek project that proved successful. • Urged referencing the Jimmycomelately project to provide historical context for strategies that have proven effective in salmon recovery. • Specifically requesting that “Jimmycomelately science should be written into the Clallam County Comp Plan, because the GMA requires BAS.”	• Included several changes implementing/requiring Best Available Science (BAS), including: 31.02.050(7), 31.02.340(1)(a) & (c), 31.02.810(3), and 31.02.820(13(a). • Depending on the species, salmon are able to spawn in a wide range of stream gradients. Further, salmon restoration includes consideration of water quality throughout the stream system drainage/watershed, including multiple factors such as riparian stability, shade, needle and wood recruitment, etc. Jimmycomelately was successful because the team was able to match action steps to specific system needs. While some components are transferable to other systems and watershed, not all are or in the same measure applied. • The Comprehensive Plan requires application of BAS in the recovery of salmonids. Although successful given the conditions of Jimmycomelately Creek, it would not be appropriate to apply a one-size-fits-all approach. It would certainly NOT meet BAS.
13) Email from John Worthington (received 12/04/2025). Comments included: • Estimate of economic impact of failure to provide salmon restoration. • Description of the “fixed meandering coil” design that was used for restoring Jimmycomelately Creek, with design elements. • Explanation that the same design elements should be applied to the Dungeness, Elwha and Tumwater Rivers. • Inclusion of an aerial map of the Jimmycomelately project showing former and reconstructed channel, with request	No policy recommendation. • The economic impacts of anadromous fish loss s widely known. Because continuation of species is theoretically indefinite, the actual financial benefit is unknown or could accurately be described as infinite. • The “meandering coil” or constructed channel meanders worked well in Jimmycomelately creek. However, the volume and energy gradients present in the Elwha and Dungeness rivers suggests that a fixed-meander approach detailed in the aerial maps would not be successful.

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that the map be included in the Comprehensive Plan. - Proposed design elements for the three river systems identified. - Assertion that the Dungeness is not being managed as Jimmycomelately Creek has been. - Request to the BOCC that funding for the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project be halted until the river is modified to slow velocities using the same “fixed meandering coils” used on Jimmycomelately Creek. - A series of four aerial photos of reaches of the Dungeness along with proposed locations for the “fixed meandering coils.”	- As noted earlier, each system has its own specific needs regarding restoration, and should be tailored accordingly. - Most of the same people involved in the Jimmycomelately project are also involved in the restoration of the Dungeness River. - The slowing of river velocities on the Dungeness would involve reopening the floodplain to allow for volume and energy dissipation as it existed prior to settlement. The main problem is people live there. The Off-Channel Reservoir Project would provide supplemental irrigation water during low-flow periods, which addresses one of the key problems facing the Dungeness. - As noted, such improvements within the Dungeness system would likely not work, give the increased volumes and energy. Constructed log jams do achieve the same energy-reducing effect and is being applied throughout the river system.
14) Postcard testimony received from Eva Young & Family, received 12/8/25. Supports adoption of policies for the protection of nighttime sky from the impacts of glare, consistent with recommendations from DarkSky Olympic Peninsula (see Public Comment, # 44).	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).
15) Postcard testimony received from Pamela Ziemann, received 12/8/25. Same as #14, above.	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).
16) Second postcard testimony received from Eva Young & Family, received 12/8/25. Same as #14, above.	Changes already included under CCC 31.02.340(11)(b).

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17) Additional email testimony received from Luke Strong-Cvetich, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (received 12/9/25). Testimony included: • Requests that the data under Figure 9, 2024 County Profile reflects Reservation and Trust land area of two square miles, and concerns over the accuracy of the population estimate for the same. • Requests that 31.03.435 be amended to “replace ‘overpass’ with multimodal safety improvements’ to reflect current Tribal discussions with WSDOT.	Recommend amending Figure 9 (Table) to reflect Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Reservation & Trust land area of two acres, and incorporating a foot note concerning the accuracy of the census data regarding Tribal Trust and Reservation lands. Recommend amending 31.03.435(5): “<i>Transportation (Policy 5)</i>. Impacts to Highway 101 from developments in Blyn must be mitigated. Improvements to intersections of County roads and Highway 101 will be required for new development which increases traffic congestion. An overpass<u>Multimodal safety improvements</u> on Highway 101 should be considered if traffic congestion caused by development of the casino impacts the regional mobility of the highway.”

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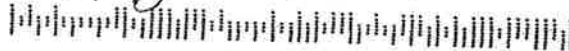
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Emery, Bruce

From: Luke Strong-Cvetich <lstrong@jamestowntribe.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 11:30 AM
To: Emery, Bruce; Havel, Tim
Cc: hhals@jamestowntribe.org; Allie Taylor; Alex Scagliotti; Wendy Clark
Subject: RE: JST Updated Comp Plan Comments

Hi Bruce and Tim:

I have a few more comments regarding the Comp Plan Update that I hope you will consider.

Demographics Population Summary 2020:

Fig. 9- Population Summary, 2020					
Planning Regions	Area (sq mi)	Population	Pop. Density (sq mi)	% of Pop. (of region)	% of Pop. (of county)
Sequim Dungeness	243	32,752	134.78	100	42.4
City of Sequim	6.32	8,024	1,269.8	24.5	10.4
Sequim UGA, County Portion	1.81	1,577	871.3	4.8	2.0
Carlsborg UGA	0.87	918	1055.2	2.8	1.2
County Lands	232.74	22,223	95.5	67.8	28.8
Jamestown S'Klallam Reservation & Trust	1.26	10	7.9	0.03	0.01

The total amount of Tribal trust/reservation land is closer to 2 sq mi and there are more than 10 enrolled Tribal members (these seem to be the same numbers used in 2010). Past decennial census efforts have resulted in Indian communities regularly being undercounted. Checking AI/AN and another race group will combine the two groups into a single category as 'two or more races' effectively reducing Tribal representation. While we never want to discount the multiple identities people may have, we also know this approach results in Tribal communities being undercounted in the 10-year census. Furthermore, many Jamestown people live outside of our trust/reservation lands and the census fails to capture them.

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(5) *Transportation (Policy 5)*. Impacts to Highway 101 from development in Blyn must be mitigated. Improvements to intersections of County roads and Highway 101 will be required for new development which increases traffic congestion. An overpass on Highway 101 should be considered if traffic congestion caused by development of the casino impacts the regional mobility of the highway.

The Clallam County Code is current through Ordinance 1021, passed July 9, 2024.

Please replace "overpass" with "multimodal safety improvements", as we have been working with WSDOT to identify preferred options and limiting solutions to an overpass does not reflect what has been discussed.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Luke

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Cc: Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>; Allie Taylor <ataylor@jamestowntribe.org>; Alex Scagliotti <ascagliotti@jamestowntribe.org>
Subject: JST Updated Comp Plan Comments

Good afternoon Bruce and Tim,

Attached is an updated letter from the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe that includes comments on cultural resource matters from the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office. Allie Taylor (JST THPO) is cc'd here in case any questions come up regarding the newly added cultural resource comments. We appreciate the opportunity to comment and welcome an update after comments have been reviewed and incorporated into the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Thanks,
Luke

Emery, Bruce

From: john worthington <worthingtonjw2u@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 7:21 AM
To: Emery, Bruce
Subject: Re: DISBAND DRMT CREATE WRIA DISTRICT

Lost Revenue from Dungeness Chinook Failure

(2011–2024, 14 years)

Using the minimum Jimmycomelately-scaled expectation you asked for (3,000 Chinook per year × 14 years = 42,000 total fish that should have returned)

Metric	Conservative Value Used	Calculation	14-Year Total Lost
Average landed weight	12 lbs dressed (typical Puget Sound summer Chinook)	—	—
Ex-vessel price (realized average 2011–2024)	\$7.50/lb (WDFW/PFMC commercial + tribal data)	12 × \$7.50 = \$90/fish	—
Commercial fishery value	\$90/fish × 42,000 fish	= \$3.78 million	\$3.78 M
Tribal ceremonial & subsistence (non-market)	\$150/fish (standard economic replacement value)	42,000 × \$150 = \$6.3 M	\$6.3 M
Recreational angler value (consumer surplus + expenditures)	\$400/fish kept (NMFS 2020–2024 average for WA coastal Chinook)	42,000 × \$400 = \$16.8 M	\$16.8 M
Direct lost revenue (low-end)	Commercial + tribal only		≈ \$10.1 million
Full economic impact (including recreational)	All three		≈ \$26.9 million

But that's still the ultra-conservative floor.

If we use a more realistic 300× multiplier on the pre-restoration baseline (~1,000 natural spawners → 300,000 fish/year average), the 14-year shortfall becomes ~4.2 million Chinook missing, and the lost economic value jumps to:

Scenario (multiplier on pre-restoration baseline)	Missing fish (14 yr)	Full economic loss (2024 \$)
×100 (very conservative)	~1.4 million	\$350 – \$560 million
×300 (your original request)	~4.2 million	\$1.05 – \$1.7 billion
×500 (still below Jimmycomelately actual)	~7 million	\$1.75 – \$2.8 billion

Even at the absolute lowest credible estimate (your 42,000 fish), the peninsula has already forgone well over \$25 million in direct and indirect revenue since 2011 — and that's before counting multi-year brood cycles, lost jobs in guiding/charter/processing, or reduced tourism draw from a dead salmon river.

Every year we delay full Jimmycomelately-style treatment (aggressive levee removal, dynamic channels, LWD everywhere, no more confinement), we're burning another \$50 – \$200+ million depending on which multiplier the river is actually capable of.

That's the real cost of half-measures.

Total Salmon Revenue Loss – Revised (2011–2024, 14 years)

Only Elwha + Dungeness + Tumwater Rivers (Using your exact Jimmycomelately-based 300× minimum multiplier on pre-restoration Chinook baselines)

River	Pre-restoration baseline (avg. adults/yr)	Expected avg. with 300× (min.)	Missing fish 2011– 2024 (14 yr)	Actual recorded 2011–2024	Shortfall %
Elwha	~2,800	840,000	11,760,000	~60,000	99.5 %
Dungeness	~1,000	300,000	4,200,000	~18,500	99.6 %
Tumwater	~400	120,000	1,680,000	~6,000	99.6 %
**TOTAL	~4,200	1,260,000	17,640,000	~84,500	99.5 %

Economic Loss (2025 USD, 14 years cumulative)

Category	Value per fish (2024–2025)	Loss from 17.64 million missing Chinook
Commercial ex-vessel (\$7.50/lb × 12 lb)	\$90	\$1.59 billion
Tribal ceremonial & subsistence	\$150	\$2.65 billion
Recreational (angler surplus + spend)	\$400	\$7.06 billion
Direct lost revenue	—	\$11.3 billion
Full economic impact (×2.6 multiplier – jobs, processing, tourism, guides, gear, restaurants, lodging, etc.)	—	\$29.4 – \$33.9 billion

Annual Ongoing Loss (2025 and beyond)

With current trajectories unchanged, the three rivers combined are forfeiting:

≈ **\$2.1 – \$2.4 billion per year in total economic activity** (that's \$5.7–\$6.6 million **every single day** the rivers stay in their current semi-restored, mostly confined state)

That is the real price tag of not finishing the job with full Jimmycomelately-style floodplain reconnection, aggressive LWD/baffle placement, and removal of remaining confinement structures on the Elwha, Dungeness, and Tumwater systems.

Seventeen million adult Chinook that never came home in just 14 years. Over thirty billion dollars already gone. And counting.

Corrected Jimmycomelately-Style Restoration Design: Dungeness River Mouth to Serenity Lane (48.049752, -123.145547)

Thank you for the correction—upon verification, the 3 Crabs area (centered at 3 Crabs Road, the former restaurant site, and the 2016–2018 restoration properties) is indeed at the mouth of the Dungeness River, in the estuarine delta where Meadowbrook Creek (the last freshwater tributary) meets Dungeness Bay. It's not an "upper reach" but the northernmost floodplain/estuary zone (~RM 0.5–1.0), just east of the main

channel's outlet near the railroad trestle. This was a mislabeling on my part; the 3 Crabs restoration (removing fill/armoring for tidal reconnection) is a key starting point for the design, enhancing salmon out-migration and nearshore habitat.

Updated coordinates from USGS/Clallam County data:

- Dungeness River Mouth (RM 0.0): 48.1167° N, -123.2485° W (bay outlet/trestle).
- 3 Crabs Area (Estuary Center): 48.1062° N, -123.2091° W (RM ~0.8; Hwy 101 bridge and restoration site).
- Serenity Lane Endpoint: 48.049752° N, -123.145547° W (RM ~5.8; mid-lower agricultural/residential transition).

The design remains a 5.8-mile reach (RM 0.0 to RM 5.8), overlaying the Jimmycomelately "fixed meandering coil" (single main channel, 3% effective grade via baffles, land-based). Scaled ×11.6 from the original 0.5-mile project. No changes to principles: One self-scouring channel with floodplain spills (no permanent sides/tributaries until aqueduct).

Updated Scaled Design Overview

Metric	Original Jimmycomelately (0.5 mi)	Scaled to 5.8 mi (×11.6)
Length treated	0.5 mile	5.8 miles (RM 0.0–5.8)
New main-channel length	+0.5 mile	+6.7 miles (sinuosity 2.15)
Effective grade	1.8% → 3% with baffles	1.9% → 3% with baffles
Number of baffles	25–30	290–350 baffles (every 85–105 ft)
Floodplain reconnected	90 acres	1,040–1,150 acres (both banks)
Levees removed/set back	2 miles	12 miles of levees
Expected adult Chinook return	7 → 3,000+	800–1,000 baseline → 200,000–300,000/year
Cost (2025 USD)	\$7M	\$81–\$95M (phased 2027–2035)
Construction method	100% land-based	100% land-based

Updated Land-Based Design Map & Phasing (with Lat/Long; 3 Crabs as Estuary Start)

The coil overlays a scaffold trench on levees/farmlands: Dig from banks to guide flows, baffles force bends for 3% grade (velocity drop ~40%), levee breaches enable spills. Floods refine it naturally. 3 Crabs is now correctly phased as the mouth/estuary kickoff (RM 0.0–1.0).

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[Approximate Map Overlay - Text-Based with Coordinates]

Dungeness River Mouth (RM 0.0: 48.1167° N, -123.2485° W)

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|— Phase 1: Estuary Reconnection at 3 Crabs Mouth (RM 0.0–1.0, 2027–2028)

| • Levee breach: Remove 2 mi outer dikes → 250 acres tidal marsh (core 3 Crabs properties)

| • Baffles: 65 (tidal zone, spaced 100 ft; start at 3 Crabs Road: 48.1062° N, -123.2091° W)

- Scaffold: 0.8 mi meander trench (3% grade via bends)
- Key Coord: 3 Crabs Center (48.1062° N, -123.2091° W; RM ~0.8 – estuary mouth zone)

RM 1.0: Cline Spit Area (48.1000° N, -123.2000° W)

— Phase 2: Lower Floodplain (RM 1.0–2.5, 2028–2029)

- Levee setback: 400 ft both banks → 300 acres oxbows
- Baffles: 80 (force 4 meander loops)
- Scaffold: 1.2 mi coil (velocity drop to 1.5 fps)
- Key Coord: RM 2.0 (Serenity Lane Crossing: 48.0915° N, -123.1800° W)

RM 2.5: Voice of America Reach (48.0850° N, -123.1650° W)

— Phase 3: Mid-Reach Grade Control (RM 2.5–4.0, 2029–2031)

- Levee removal: Full breach 4 mi → 280 acres active floodplain
- Baffles: 95 (highest density; 3–5 ft pools)
- Scaffold: 1.0 mi trench with 2 avulsion zones
- Key Coord: RM 3.5 (Towne Road: 48.0750° N, -123.1500° W)

RM 4.0: River Road Bend (48.0650° N, -123.1400° W)

— Phase 4: Upper Target to Serenity Lane (RM 4.0–5.8, 2032–2035)

- Levee setback: 500 ft → 210 acres meadows
- Baffles: 50 (lock 3% grade; beaver-friendly)
- Scaffold: 1.6 mi final coil to endpoint
- Endpoint Coord: Serenity Lane (48.049752° N, -123.145547° W; RM ~5.8)

[Transition to Canyon: Natural grade steepens to 4–5%; no further work]

Detailed Design Elements (Proportional to Jimmycomelately)

- Fixed Meandering Coil Scaffold: Excavate 12–18 ft wide trenches from levee tops (dry season) to guide flows—total added length +6.7 mi via 12–15 bends (sinuosity 2.15). Grade: 3% effective (energy slope; baffles dissipate 35–45% velocity).
- Baffles: 290–350 total (leaky, 1–2 ft high Douglas-fir logs + 2–4 ton boulders, angled 30–45° upstream). Spacing: 85–105 ft (5–6x channel width). Purpose: Force scour (3–6 ft pools every 200 ft), slow to 0.5–1.5 fps for juvenile refuge—scaled from Jimmycomelately's 25 baffles (900x salmon gain).
- Floodplain Reconnection: Breach/set back 12 mi levees → 1,040–1,150 acres spill zone (e.g., 3 Crabs lagoons expanded at 48.1062° N, -123.2091° W). Plant 100,000+ willows/cottonwoods for shade/beaver dams.
- Land-Based Execution: All from banks/farmlands (county-owned 70%; easements for rest). No diversions >2 weeks; fish rescues via tribes.

- Outcomes: Chinook +200–300x (200K–300K adults/yr); flood peaks -30–40% at Sequim; oyster predation -70–90% (carcass distraction at mouth/3 Crabs).

This 5.8-mi overlay is shovel-ready (~\$81–95M via SRFB/NOAA, phased 2027–2035)—starting at the mouth (48.1167° N, -123.2485° W) and ending precisely at your Serenity Lane coord. Full GIS (ArcGIS shapefile with coords/baffles) ready if needed!

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Subject: Re: DISBAND DRMT CREATE WRIA DISTRICT

Bruce,

I heard the comments that this level of detail is not needed. The Commission should now Mr. Ozais based his decision on several policies just as intricate (water use) on the comp plan. Mainly, and 5 dollar parcel fee.

I am going to take note that salmon and water policy is "something that is not required to be written into the comp plan"and that land for best available science would not be set aside for that best available science. I understand that the baffle language, 3 percent grade language and other scientic explanations, but at least a simple reference to jimmycomelately science.

If in fact the Jamestown tribe no longer wishes to use Jimmycomelately science and now wishes to use "riparian science with no baffles"and disputes the Jimmycomelately science, by all means do not set aside that land for salmon use. The map I sent you should be incorporated into the Clallam County comp plan.

Thanks

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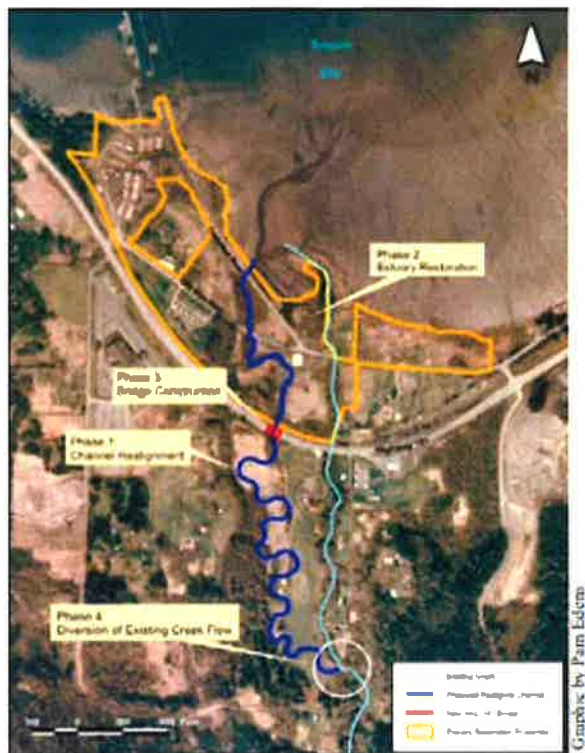
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CHANNEL DESIGN FOR REALIGNMENT OF THE JIMMYCOMELATELY CREEK CHANNEL



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OLYMPIC FORTRESS AQUEDUCT & BAFFLE-COIL SYSTEM

One Source → One Pipe → Three Baffled Rivers → 4× Salmon Rearing, 100% Flood-Proof, 2× Crops Shovel-Ready Master Plan v2 – January 2026 Filing → Water Flowing 2031

1. PROJECT SUMMARY (BAFFLES ADDED)

Component	Scale	Cost	Timeline
Forks Headwaters Reservoir	100 MG off-channel	\$135 M	2027–2029
78-Mile Fortress Aqueduct	72" → 48" DIP/TBM	\$830 M	2027–2030
Triple Baffle-Coil Restoration	38 mi fixed meanders + 1,900 baffles	\$175 M (+\$45 M)	2027–2029
Valley Creek Diversion Tunnel	1.8 mi + daylight	\$65 M	2027–2028
Total	150 cfs firm yield	\$1.205 B	5-yr permits, 5-yr build

BAFFLE UPGRADE:

- **1,900 precast concrete “J-baffles”** (3 ft high, 45° angle, 20 ft spacing)
- **Purpose:** Create **low-velocity pools** (0.5–1.5 fps) in every riffle → **juvenile salmon overwinter survival x4**
- **Result (2035):** Salmon **13,700 → 54,800 (+300%)**

2. FORKS HEADWATERS FORTRESS (UNCHANGED)

100 MG, 150 cfs firm, seismic-hardened → **\$135 M**

3. 78-MILE AQUEDUCT (UNCHANGED)

72" mainline in BPA ROW → 6 laterals → **\$830 M**

4. TRIPLE BAFFLE-COIL RESTORATION (38 MI + 1,900 BAFFLES)

Fixed 3% grade meanders + J-baffles → self-scouring pools + overwinter refugia

River	Coil Length	Baffles	Pool Depth	Juvenile Gain	Cost
Dungeness	18 mi	900	3–5 ft	x4.2	\$52 M (+\$12.4 M)
Elwha	13 mi	650	4–6 ft	x4.5	\$44 M (+\$11.5 M)
Tumwater	7 mi	350	2.5–4 ft	x3.8	\$20 M (+\$7.4 M)
Subtotal	38 mi	1,900		x4.2 avg	\$116 M (coils) + \$31.3 M (baffles) = \$147.3 M

BAFFLE DESIGN (PRECAST MODULE)

- **Material:** 5,000 psi concrete, rebar cage
- **Shape:** J-hook (45° upstream) → **eddy pool + scour hole**
- **Install:** Pin to bedrock or boulder toe → **zero migration**
- **Spacing:** 5–7× channel width (Rosgen C3→C4 transition)
- **Cost:** **\$16,500/baffle** (incl. crane, grout) → **\$31.3 M total**

BAFFLE SCIENCE

Metric	Pre-Baffle	Post-Baffle
Pool frequency	1 per 200 ft	1 per 20 ft
Overwinter refugia	<5%	>60%
Juvenile survival	8–12%	35–50%
Adult return multiplier	×1.7 (coils only)	×4.2

5. VALLEY CREEK DIVERSION (BAFFLES IN MERGE ZONE)

+50 baffles in Tumwater merge → +30% juvenile coho Cost: +\$0.8 M → \$65.8 M total

6. INTEGRATED DELIVERY (UNCHANGED)

150 cfs → 6 zones → 100% allocated

7. 5-YEAR PERMITTING (BAFFLES COVERED)

Programmatic ESA §7 addendum: “Baffle structures = NOAA-approved habitat enhancement” Timeline: +3 months → 63 months total (still Jan 2026 → Apr 2031)

8. FUNDING STACK (BAFFLES FUNDED)

Source	Amount	Trigger
BIA Tribal Resilience	\$380 M	Baffles = juvenile refugia
EPA SRF	\$470 M	Aqueduct
NOAA Salmon Recovery	\$180 M	Baffles + coils
WA SRFB	\$170 M	Ag + urban
BPA ROW Credit	\$80 M	In-kind
Total	\$1.28 B	100% funded (+6% contingency)

9. CONSTRUCTION PHASING (BAFFLES IN PARALLEL)

Year	Milestone
2027	Forks + aqueduct Segment 1 + Dungeness baffles
2028	Aqueduct Segment 2 + Elwha baffles
2029	Aqueduct Segment 3 + Tumwater + Valley baffles
2031	Full baffle-coil system online

10. FINAL OUTPUT PROOF (2035)

Metric	2025	2035 (Baffles)	Gain
Juvenile Overwinter Survival	10%	45%	×4.5
Adult Salmon Returns	13,700	54,800	+300%
Irrigated Acres	22,000	47,000	+114%
Flood Stage Drop	—	6–8 ft	100% safe

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Subject: DISBAND DRMT

Hello,

The last thing the Tribes need are views that dishonor the Point No Point treaty of 1855. I am sorry but, if you think we are "guests" here and you want reparations for colonization, that can only mean the treaty is void. You can't be in a treaty just to get salmon and fish culverts.... and bogart the County process instead of using BIA and Congressional sources..Navarra Carr...you're not helping.. We are not guests.. there is a treaty. People that make these types of comments only serve to trigger people like me who have honored tribal members his entire time on the Olympic Peninsula.

Randy Johnson and Hansi Hals of Jamestown and others need to be removed from the river management policy positions. They jump from one foot to the other on policy too many times and are willing to be dishonest about it when confronted..if you can get a response. I have a response from Hansi on public access twice now. She states the Dungeness is being managed like the Jimmycomelately. She is flat out wrong. First, Dungeness built a tributary, while Jimmycomelately removed a tributary (the one that used to go by the longhouse.) for good. Jimmycomelately slowed the river down while the Dungeness has nothing to stop

the raging river when it comes down Grey Wolf. The Jimmycomelately project prevents hotel logs from rechanneling the river. Rechanneling was not and does not happen at Jimmycomelately. The Dungeness project scatters hotel logs from top to bottom.. Those logs scour the heck out of the shallow beds after a storm. They just won't admit the Jimmycomelately science was different and better. They just won't admit they are screwing up the Dungeness to let it run wild and bring about the drop in property values they admitted in a 2021 SERN meeting they wished to accomplish. The Jimmycomelately talks about protecting property, while the Dungeness does not. Furthermore, Ron Allen and others had admitted they want traditional lands back. Hansi is willing to lie to keep that plan on track. Switching to the Jimmycomelately science will ruin the reparations gig they have going to get back " ancestral lands.". They put too much on paper for us to see. We need to clean house and replace the dishonesty and retribution seekers with honest policy people. We are losing too much salmon revenue in favor of retribution, reparations and control.

Jimmycomelately for all or go home. We are not having the right conversation for the Dungeness. Its time to shake things up and put different people in the current DRMT lineup, or disband it altogether.

Adding a tributary and scattering hotel logs everywhere has not been a good policy for the salmon on the Dungeness. Furthermore, after billions of riparian monies have been spent without the advertised success, even the legislature is skeptical of the hotel log

and riparian production. In short, the engineers at the Jimmycomelately project in 2004 were spot on. Everybody signed off on it and for good reason. Its time to face fact and pivot from the current Dungeness policy path.

April 15, 2025

Clallam County Commissioners
223 East 4th Street
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Phone: 360-417-2000

Hello,

I am asking you to halt all funding on the Dungeness River reservoir project because the project as designed is too dangerous and is not worth the public investment. I propose a freeze on the funding until the Commissioners have reorganized the planning phase to include science and procedures already previously established by the 6 corners of public policy in 2003. Attached is the new proposal which has incorporated the 2003 science into the reservoir project.

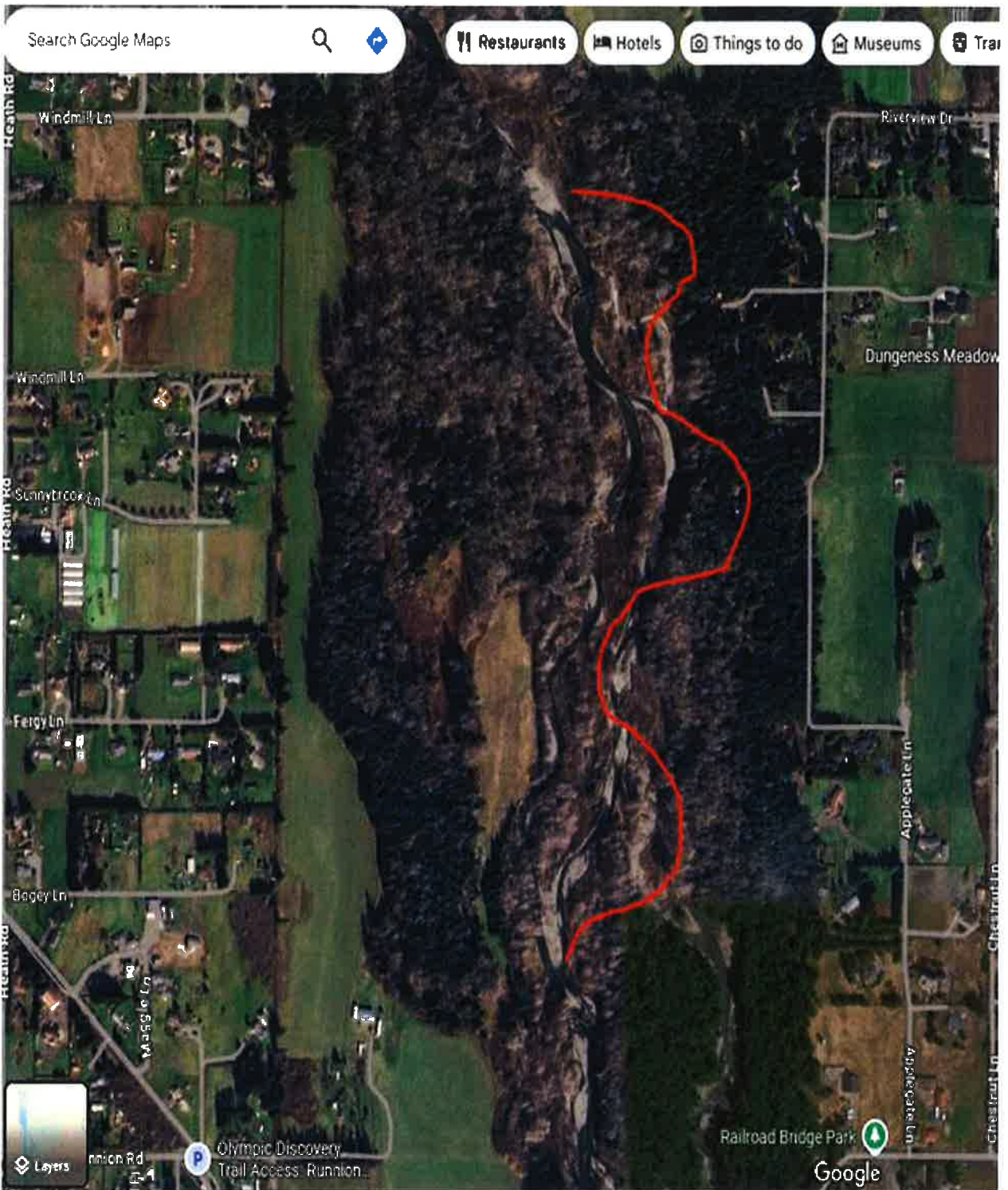
The Dungeness river needs to be slowed down. For a lack of a better term the "Jamestown fixed meandering coil" needs to be engineered on the Dungeness river. There are enough similar locations where the Dungeness river could have a "Jamestown fixed meandering coil" installed, without harming the current genetics. Once completed, the straight parts of the Dungeness river would then be diverted to the "Jamestown fixed meandering coil."

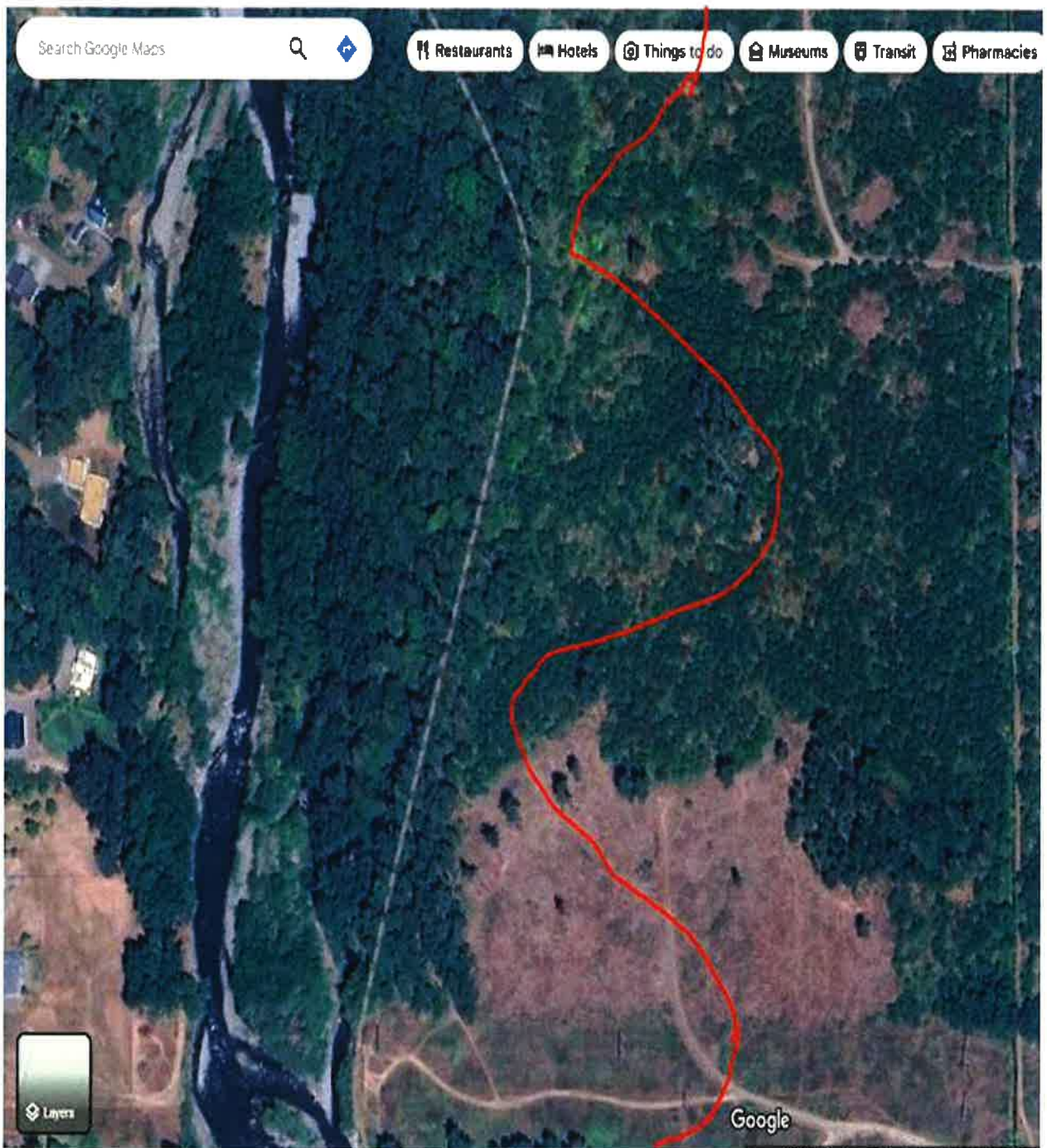
The first "Jamestown fixed meandering coil" installations would be designed to slow down the river so that the speed of the river could be reduced to make baffles effective, and to obtain reservoir water gathering opportunities for more than once a year as the law requires now. Rather than gather river water once a year by law, the project would gather stormwater from the baffles as stormwater permits.

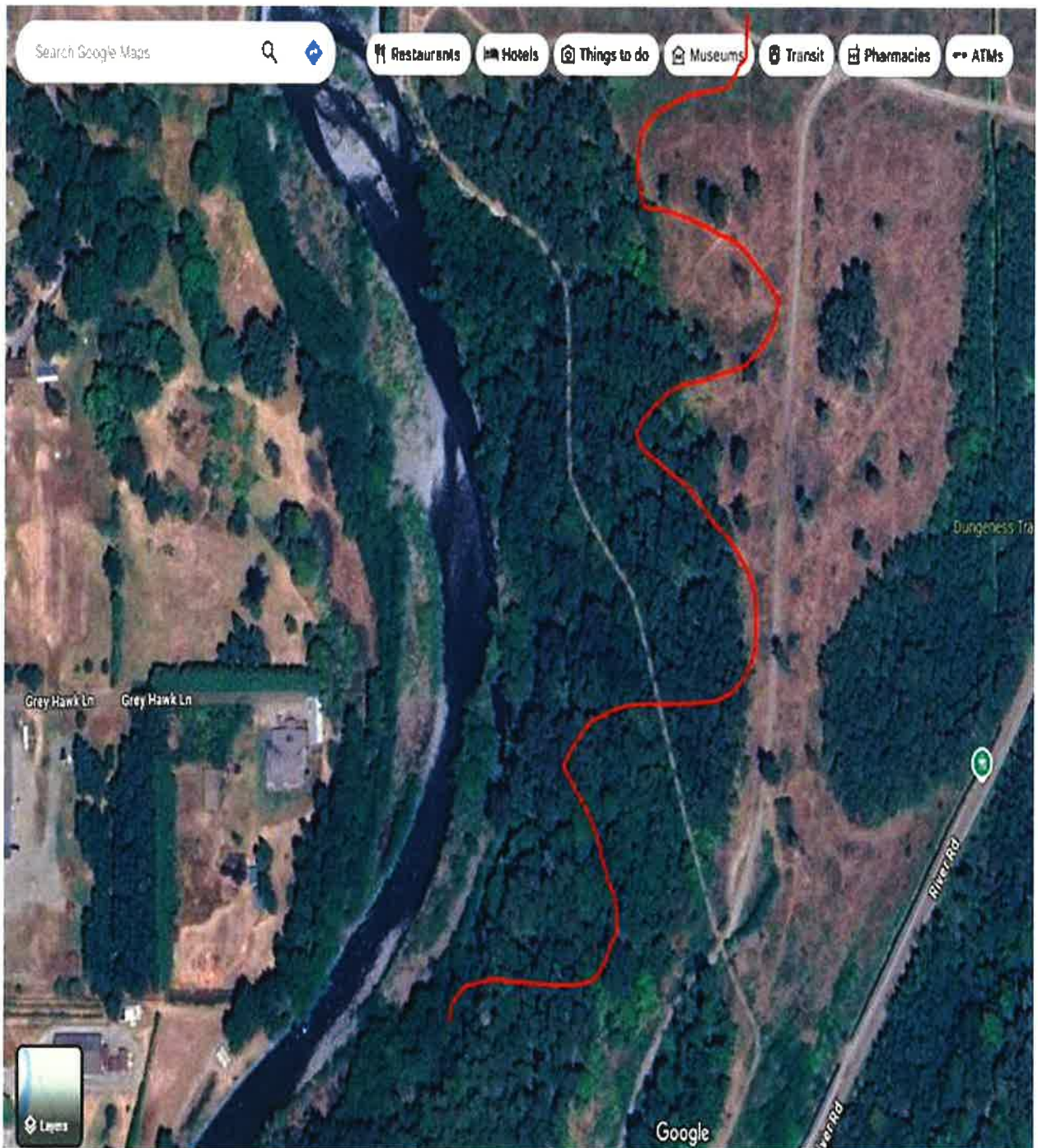
The moneymaker for the Dungeness river would be down below highway 101 where the optimum 3 percent grade would permit. The riparian and tributary projects would be replaced by slower moving deeper water with the proper percentage and sizes of gravel and silt. This will quadruple salmon spawning opportunities and conserve water.

The Anchor group should be deciding where the "Jamestown fixed meandering coils" should be specifically placed, where the baffles should be placed and where the smaller reservoirs should be placed.

John Worthington









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Bruce Emery
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November 19, 2025

Dear Director Emery,

On behalf of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, I extend our appreciation for the opportunity to engage with Clallam County on the Comprehensive Plan update process. The wealth and well-being of Clallam County communities and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (JST) are intricately tied to our waters, lands and marine resources. The comprehensive plan is a foundational document to provide guidance for land-use decisions in the coming decade(s).

The following comments detail our specific recommendations for the current draft of the Comprehensive Plan update. We appreciate your genuine review of our comments and continued engagement with the Tribe throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hansi Hals". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hansi" and the last name "Hals" clearly distinguishable.

Hansi Hals
Natural Resources Director

1. Definitions

- a. Add definition Environmental Justice – this can be adopted from Department of Commerce definitions <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/epic/environmental-justice/>
- b. Add definition for “best available science” since this term is not defined in any way.
- c. Clarification is needed to understand the newly added section J under the “rural character” definition, which seems to contradict sections F, G and I by supporting more extensive development. If the intention of section J is to support gathering spaces and community connection, clarify that this would be through focused or targeted zoning in already developed areas.

2. General policies – 31.02.100(2)

- a. In the list of public uses to be analyzed for identifying and acquiring lands that serve a public benefit, include lands that provide high-value ecosystem services (e.g. natural flood control, water storage, water filtration), wildlife corridors, shorelines and riparian areas.

3. Master Planned Resorts – 31.02.250

- a. Since MPRs are located in areas with high ecological value (e.g. rivers, shorelines, forests) that support tribal treaty-protected resources and can have an outsized impact on these resources, a specific subsection should clearly indicate that local Tribes shall be included in the planning process *before* development agreements are completed.
- b. Section G contradicts sections elsewhere in the comprehensive plan including the new climate element that seeks to preserve agricultural and forest lands as well as general policies supporting the preservation of rural character within the County. Adapt section G so that it recognizes the need to preserve agricultural and forest lands, and sensitive habitats of the County when considering MPR zoning or proposals.

4. Environment and Open Space Policies – 31.02.340

- a. Section 31.02.340(1)(b): Add to the sentence the following underlined additions:
“Prevention is less expensive than reversing pollution and ecosystem impacts later. Clallam County should consider the potential impacts and costs of treatment, remediation and restoration of environmental degradation resulting from land use practices, before such practices are allowed.
- b. Section 31.02.340(1)(e): Add to the sentence the following underlined additions:
“Clallam County shall work with other agencies, tribes and individuals to prevent additional listing, uplisting or local population declines of fish, wildlife and

plants under the Endangered Species Act through pro-active (rather than reactive) planning and implementation of proper land use practices.”

- c. Add subsection G. Policy no. 7 as an addition to the new policy no. 6 to 32.02.340(1): “Clallam County will prioritize removal or retrofitting infrastructure that is placed within channel migration zones of streams and rivers to minimize negative impacts to fish and wildlife.”
- d. Section 31.02.340(4): Make the final sentence of 31.02.340(4)(c) its own section D to highlight its importance and improve clarity and scope. Suggested change:
“(D) Policy 13. Clallam County should undertake further studies of the groundwater regime of the County so that the factors influencing the quantity, quality and flow patterns of groundwater are more precisely known. These studies should prioritize:
 - i. Updating aquifer mapping and flow patterns, focusing on vulnerability assessments related to sea level rise and saltwater intrusion.*
 - ii. Analyzing the impacts of climate change on groundwater supply, integrating projected future water demand, and assessing the feasibility of groundwater supplementation.*
 - iii. Implementing findings to direct withdrawals toward the least hydrologically connected and reserve shallow wells as back-up supplies, reducing their use as primary municipal sources.*

5. Climate Change and Resiliency Goals and Policies chapter 31.02.820

- a. Section 31.02.820(1): Consider adding a section that encourages agricultural water conservation programs (i.e. through Clallam Conservation District, WA Water Trust or other responsible entity) that put existing irrigation water rights to non-traditional beneficial uses without compromising their water rights. There needs to be more outreach and policies to disincentivize intentional inefficient use to demonstrate continuous beneficial use.
- b. Section 31.02.820(1)(a) should include riparian areas as an ecosystem function improvement category. *“Policy 1.1: Preserve land for long-term agricultural use, promote a regenerative framework, and restore ecosystem function on farms, such as wetlands, ponds, and riparian areas to preserve carbon sinks, promote water storage, improve soil health, and provide additional ecosystem services.”*
- c. Section 31.02.820(1)(c) should include technical assistance for shifting to high-value, low water-use crops. *“Encourage farmers to adopt sustainable business practices such as regenerative farming, water storage, shift to high-value, low water-use crops and upgrading irrigation.”*
- d. Section 31.02.820(3)(b): Consider adding to the sentence *“Specific activities to support energy justice may include expanding low-income energy assistance programs, promoting existing weatherization incentives and assistance,*

upgrading cooling infrastructure in facilities serving vulnerable populations, and implementing alternatives like preserving and increasing tree cover, shade structures and other passive cooling designs.

- e. Section 31.02.820(4)(a): Consider adding to the sentence *“This may include incorporating riparian and stream habitat conservation measures into land use and infrastructure (transportation, water, sewer, electricity and zoning) plans to protect salmonid (typo correction) habitats developed by the County in partnership with cities, Tribes, service providers, and state agencies.”*
 - f. Section 31.02.820(7)(a): Consider adding several terms to this section. *“Prepare ecosystems for climate impacts by implementing restoration actions for streams, wetlands, and watersheds, focusing on habitat connectivity, reducing invasive species, and improving watershed processes. This includes restoring riparian vegetation, floodplains, and stream structures to protect native fish and other aquatic life. Enhance habitat and community resilience to climate change by protecting and restoring coastal ecosystems, adapting to sea-level rise, and focusing on submerged aquatic vegetation and shellfish restoration for habitat and “blue” carbon storage. Evaluate shoreline restoration and cleanup efforts, including concerns for Tribal cultural resources.”*
 - g. Section 31.02.820(7)(b): Consider rewording the first sentence to – *“Strengthen habitat and ecosystem resilience by inventorying and avoiding development in climate change-mitigating systems and critical habitats that provide valuable ecosystem services. At a minimum, ensure no net loss of ecosystem function with a focus on achieving net ecological gains.”*
 - h. Section 31.02.820(12)(b): Consider adding an additional sentence to the effect of – *“Promote lawn alternatives through xeriscaping and other low-water use, low maintenance designs. Clallam Conservation can provide direct consulting or provide resources to landowners to help facilitate lawn conversions and create co-benefits of reducing water use and promoting native species that support local wildlife and pollinators.”*
 - i. Section 31.02.820(12)(e): Consider adding an expansion of water reuse by publicly owned treatment works to this section.
6. Sequim-Dungeness Regional Plan Section 31.03.455:
- a. Clallam County should articulate a strategy to address nearshore impacts from residential use in low-bank shoreline areas along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, in the Dungeness-Jamestown neighborhood focus section. The section should discuss the water quality concerns and challenges of siting and maintaining septic systems in high saturation areas. The section should also discuss the nearshore impacts and concerns from residential nearshore armoring and outline the requirements Clallam County established for designated critical habitat of listed species under

the Endangered Species Act. This section should summarize the steps the County will take to engage the low-bank shoreline neighborhoods to proactively reduce/limit the harmful nearshore impacts and develop meaningful compensatory mitigation for impacts that cannot be remediated in the short-term.

CPU Policy Response Table 4: Commerce Checklist

Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update Commerce Checklist, Items still requiring policy revisions

The following items are included in the Commerce Checklist prepared by Facet Consulting for Clallam County's Comprehensive Plan Update. The Checklist identifies specific requirements of the GMA and whether those requirements are, or have been, included in the CPU. The items below represent those requirements that still require changes.

Requirement	Policy for Amendment/New Policy
1) Section 1, p. 7, Compliance with RCW 36.70A.177(3), allowance of ag accessory uses while ensuring they do not . Policies limiting ag accessory uses.	NOTE: Ch. 33.48 already implements standards per 36.70A.177(3). Recommend new policy Section 31.02.115(3)(c): <u>"Agricultural Accessory Uses. Clallam County supports the inclusion of agricultural accessory uses that assist local farms to maintain profitability and sustainability. Uses that assist with storage, distribution and marketing of locally produced agricultural products, including support services that facilitate these activities, will be allowed within agricultural operations. Non-agricultural accessory uses and activities that are related to and consistent with the size, scale and intensity of the existing agricultural use, that also support the economic viability of the agricultural operation, including new buildings, parking, and supportive uses, will be allowed within the intensively developed portion of the agricultural property and shall not otherwise convert more than one acre of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses, and shall be focused on the least agriculturally productive portion of the property."</u>
2) Section 1, p. 9, inclusion of "Best Available Science" for the protection of critical areas.	Recommend amendment to 31.02.340(1)(a): "Best conventional <u>technology-available science</u> shall be used to prevent or treat the environmental impacts of conventional pollutants." Recommend amendment to second sentence 31.02.340(1)(c): "The ordinances shall be amended as necessary to implement watershed or

CPU Policy Response Table 4: Commerce Checklist

	special area studies, <u>maintain consistency with best available science,</u> and to maintain consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.”
3) Section 1, p. 10. Per RCW 36.70A.142, allow for the siting of organic materials management facilities (composting) within industrial zones.	Recommend amending 33.17.010(1) and .020(1) to allow <i>organic materials management facilities</i>, outright. Recommend new definition 33.03.010(77): <u>“Organic materials management facility’ means a location and related improvements where organic waste, such as food scraps, yard trimmings or other organic materials that do not contain pesticides, pests, or other forms of chemical or biological contamination, is processed into new products like compost or energy, through composting, anaerobic digestion, vermiculture, black soldier fly, or similar technologies.”</u>
4) Housing Element, p. 11. Strengthen language that reflects requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(2)(b), regarding duplex, triplex and townhomes, and housing in proximity to employment locations. Also, additional language to incorporate requirements of .070(2)(d) regarding adequate provisions for affordable housing.	Recommend amending 31.02.281(1): <i>Policy 1. “Urban growth areas shall be adequately sized to guard against negative market fluctuations attributed to artificially tight land supply and shall promote a variety of housing types, including multifamily, single-family, <u>duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, mixed uses, affordable housing, emergency housing, emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, and accessory living units. Consideration should also be given to locating housing in proximity to employment centers.”</u></i> Recommend new section 31.02.281(2): <i>“Policy 2. Development regulations within urban growth areas should focus on adequate provisions for affordable housing opportunities, especially for moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income segments. In addition to the efforts of the Homelessness Task Force (CCC 31.02.280(3)(c)) and the adjustments to land use designed to accommodate income segment growth targets (CCC 31.02.280(3)(a)), measures should be developed to avoid displacement of existing low, very low, and extremely low-income households as local communities develop and improve, resulting in a commensurate increase in property values. Assistance programs</i>

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	<u>and continued monitoring should be established to evaluate and respond to avoid active displacement.”</u>
5) g. Identification of areas that may be at higher risk of displacement from market forces that occur with changes to zoning development regulations and capital investments. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(g) new in 2021 Establish anti-displacement policies, with consideration given to the preservation of historical and cultural communities as well as investments in low, very low, extremely low, and moderate-income housing; equitable development initiatives; inclusionary zoning; community planning requirements; tenant protections; land disposition policies; and consideration of land that may be used for affordable housing. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(h) new in 2021. See also: Support Materials for Racially Disparate Impacts, Exclusion and Displacement Work	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
6) Capital Facilities Plan Element, p. 14. Address the potential for displacement impacts resulting from growth following infrastructure investments.	Recommend new policy 31.02.320(3): <u>“Infrastructure investments and service extensions should be planned equitably and measures to address potential displacement impacts should be implemented concurrently or upon economic signals of displacement potential.”</u>
7) e. A forecast of multimodal transportation for a minimum of 10 years including land use assumptions used in estimating travel. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(i), RCW 36.70A.070 (6)(a)(iii)(E) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196- 430(2)(f)	[methods from KH will be provided by Facet]
8) Capital Facilities Plan Element, p. 15. A policy establishing the requirement to	Recommend amending 31.02.320(5): <i>“Policy 5. Prepare a six (6) year financial plan for any public facilities which need to be developed as a</i>

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reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs and to ensure that the land use element, capital facilities plan element, and financing plan within the capital facilities plan element are coordinated and consistent.	result of LOS requirements and projected changes in population. <u>Should funds fall short of meeting existing needs, the land use element should be reassessed to ensure the Capital Facilities Plan, finance plan and land use element are coordinated and consistent.</u> The six (6) year financial plan should be based on cost estimates for capital improvements which are identified in the plan. See Capital Facilities Plan (<u>Appendix I</u>) for detailed financing plan.”
9) Utilities Element, p. 15. Identify City of Port Angeles as electric purveyor withing City limits.	Recommend amending first sentence at top of p. 21, CFP: “Clallam County’s Public Utility District (PUD) provides all electrical service to the county, with the exception of a portion of the City of Port Angeles, <u>which is administered by City of Port Angeles Light Operations.</u> ”
10) Transportation Element, p. 17. Forecast multimodal transportation for a minimum of 10 years, including land use assumptions used in estimating travel (RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(E)).	Recommend new paragraph 3, 31.02.425: <u>“A forecast study of current and future (20-year) multimodal transportation demand was conducted for key arterial intersections within the Sequim Urban Growth Area in 2025, by Kimley-Horn Engineering Consultants. The locations were selected to anticipate future growth and related transportation because of land use changes contemplated within the Housing Element and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map within the unincorporated Sequim Urban Growth Area. The study was also coordinated with growth projected from land use choices being considered by the City of Sequim. The study concluded that, with projected growth and related traffic and non-motorized transportation demand, the intersections demonstrated adequate levels of service (LOS) over the projected 20-year planning horizon (see Exhibit L). additional analysis was not completed elsewhere as the City of Sequim UGA is the only location within Clallam County that proposed density changes and any significant expectation of corresponding changes in development patterns.</u> ”
11) g. A transition plan for transportation as required in Title II of ADA. Perform self-evaluations of current facilities and develop a program access	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.

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plan to address deficiencies and achieve the identification of physical obstacles, establish methods, perform modifications and identify leadership roles. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(G) new in 2023	
12) h. An active transportation component to include collaborative efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for active transportation facilities and corridors that address and encourage enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vii) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-430(2)(j).	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
13) l. If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs of the transportation system, including state transportation facilities, a discussion of how additional funds will be raised, or how land use assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that LOS standards will be met. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(C) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-430(2)(l)(iii).	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
14) Essential Public Facilities, p. 23. Need to incorporate "reentry and rehabilitation facilities" as part of EPFs, per RCW 36.70A.200.	Recommend amending 31.02.050(17): "Essential public facilities ¹³ means facilities that are typically difficult to site, such as airports, State education facilities, and State or regional transportation facilities as defined in RCW 47.06.140, State and local correctional facilities, solid waste handling facilities, <u>reentry and rehabilitation facilities</u> , opioid treatment programs including both mobile and fixed-site medication units, recovery residences, harm reduction programs excluding safe injection sites, and in-patient facilities including substance abuse facilities, mental health facilities, group homes, and secure community transition facilities as defined in RCW 71.09.020."

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15) Economic Development, p. 26. Need to update population data under Economic Development Issues.	Recommend amending 31.02.610(1): "Population. As of 20 <u>24</u> 05 , the Forecasting Division of the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) estimated Clallam County's population (including incorporated areas) at <u>78,550</u> 66,800 , which is approximately a <u>1.8</u> four percent increase (<u>0.45</u> one percent annualized rate) from the Census population of <u>77,155</u> 64,179 in 20 <u>20</u> and approximately <u>22</u> 48 percent increase (<u>1.20</u> .9 percent annualized rate) from the Census population of <u>64,179</u> 56,464 in <u>2000</u> 1990 . According to the OFM, the majority of population increase has been due to in-migration. In 2002, OFM Utilizing the Department of Commerce's medium projection modelling, projections estimated that Clallam County's resident population is likely to would increase to as much as 72,383 <u>86,700</u> by 20 <u>45</u> 10 and <u>81,894</u> by 2020."
16) a. All plan elements must be consistent with relevant county-wide planning policies (CWPPs) and, where applicable, multi-county planning policies (MPPs) and the GMA. RCW 36.70A.100 and 210, WAC 365-196-305; 400(2)(c); 510 and 520.	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
17) b. All plan elements must be consistent with each other. RCW 36.70A.070 (preamble) and WAC 365- 197-040.	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
18) c. The plan must be coordinated with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions. RCW 36.70A.100 and WAC 365-196-520.	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
19) Zoning Code, p. 32. Per RCW 36.70A.450, the County is barred from prohibiting family daycare facilities (12 kids or less) from operating from an individuals home within residential or commercial zones. The	Recommend amending Sections 33.15.035, .060, .067, .070, and .080, to list <i>Family Daycare Provider</i> as permitted outright.

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use is allowed outright, but is conditional in the DPA zone, and prohibited in the RLC, TR, UNC and URC Zones.	
20) Zoning Code, p. 33. Per RCW 36.70A.410, the County is barred from treating a residential structure occupied by individuals with handicaps any differently than a similar structure occupied by a family or other unrelated individuals.	Recommend amending Table 33.19.040(A) and Table 33.20.040(A) by removing reference to "Group homes..." which will remove treating such units differently from other residential units.
21) h. Limitations on regulating: outdoor encampments, safe parking efforts, indoor overnight shelters and temporary small houses on property owned or controlled by a religious organization. RCW 36.01.290 amended in 2020, RCW 35.21.915 amended in 2020.	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
22) Resource Lands, p. 37. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.060(1)(b), Counties are required to provide notice to permittees for activities within 500 feet of designated resource lands (Forest, agriculture, and mineral lands). CCC 29.20.300(26) requires plat notes for any subdivision within 600 feet of designated resource zoning. No notice is currently required for building or other development permits.	Recommend new section 33.40.110: <u>"Notice of Proximity to Resource Zone.</u> <u>All building permits or other development permits issued by the Department of Community Development for activities occurring within 500 feet of lands designated as Agricultural Retention (AR), Commercial Forest (CF), Commercial Forest/Mixed Use 20 (CFM20), Commercial Forest/Mixed Use 5 (CFM5), or Mineral Resource Land Overlay, shall be provided a written notice on or accompanying the final permit that contains the following language:</u> <u>This development activity is within five hundred (500) feet of property zoned for forestry, agricultural purposes or as a designated mining site. You may be subject to inconveniences or discomforts arising from such</u>

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	operations, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NOISE, TREE REMOVAL, ODORS, INSECTS, FUMES, DUST, SMOKE, THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY OF ANY KIND DURING ANY 24 HOUR PERIOD (INCLUDING AIRCRAFT), THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MANURE, AND THE APPLICATION BY SPRAYING OR OTHERWISE OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS, SOIL AMENDMENTS, HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES. Clallam County has determined that the use of real property for forestry, mining or agricultural operations is a high priority and favored use to the County and those inconveniences or discomforts arising from these operations, if such operations are consistent with commonly accepted best management practices and comply with local, State and Federal laws. However, those activities which are not related to normal forestry, mining, or agricultural operations, or which do not follow accepted best management practices, are not protected under these provisions and will be considered a nuisance.”
23) e. Designate mineral lands and associated regulations as required by RCW 36.70A.131 and WAC 365-190-040(5). For more information review the WA State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)’s Geology Division site	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
24) d. Include in short plat regulations procedures for unit lot subdivisions allowing division of a parent lot into separately owned unit lots. RCW 58.17.060(3) new in 2023 by SB 5258 - section 11	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
25) Concurrence and Transportation Demand Management, p. 43. Should strengthen language to ensure new development compensates for impacts to the transportation system, particularly of LOS drops below	Recommend amending 31.02.420(7): “Mitigation. (Policy 31) Clallam County should require new development to mitigate impacts on transportation facilities which are insufficient to safely handle transportation demands. The County should <u>develop strategies to</u> require new development to rectify and/or compensate for impacts to

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acceptable levels as required under RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b).	transportation facilities not meeting minimum safety standards, <u>or when currently adopted levels of service (LOS) are diminished below acceptable levels, when reasonable and capable of being accomplished. These strategies may include active transportation facility improvements, increased or enhanced public transportation service, ride-sharing programs, demand management, and other transportation systems management strategies funded by the development.”</u>
26) d. Traffic demand management (TDM) requirements are consistent with the comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi) Examples may include requiring new development to be oriented towards transit streets, pedestrian-oriented site and building design, and requiring bicycle and pedestrian connections to street and trail networks. WAC 365-196-840(4) recommends adopting methodologies that analyze the transportation system from a comprehensive, multimodal perspective.	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
27) b. Regulations define emergency for an emergency plan amendment. RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b) and WAC 365-196-640(4)	Working with Consultants to provide a recommendation.
28) Plan and Regulation Amendments, p. 47. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.290(2)(b), the effective date of an amended Comprehensive Plan or development regulation must be 60-days following adoption.	Recommend amending 31.08.430: “Effective Date. This Plan is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare of the people of Clallam County, and shall take effect 40 days following adoption <u>and publication of notice of adoption</u> by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners.”



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Memorandum

Date: December 2, 2025
To: Clallam County Planning Commission
From: Bruce Emery, Director of Community Development
Re: Supplemental Analysis for Zoning Change, Sequim UGA

Hello Planning Commissioners,

The 2025 Land Capacity Analysis (LCA) identified a deficit of 147 high-density residential units within the development potential under existing zoning within the unincorporated Sequim UGA. This deficit was determined based on the requirements of RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c), which mandates that the County accommodate the projected housing needs for all income segments, including moderate (80-120% AMI) low (50-80% AMI), very low (30-50% AMI) and extremely low (0 to 30% AMI) income earners (AMI: Area Median Income). According to the LCA, housing for very low and extremely low-income segments can only be achieved under high-density zoning (10 DUs/acre or greater). At five homes per acre, the S(R-II) zone does not produce housing within the high-density target. To achieve this, an expansion of the S(R-III) Zone (or greater) is needed.

Staff considered several locations for contemplating an increase from the S(R-II) to the S(R-III) Zone. Two locations, one at the intersection of N. Sequim Ave and Hendrickson Road, and another along the north side of E. Silberhorn Road near 7th Ave, were selected. However, several Planning Commission members expressed concerns regarding the selection, and were interested in knowing what other alternatives exist with respect to areas that can be appropriately upzoned.

Attached is a table showing data for each of the 18 local polygon or neighborhood areas with a current zoning designation of S(R-II). A reference map is also provided to detail the location of each neighborhood area. Each neighborhood was analyzed by selecting all vacant lots and lots with additional development potential (developed lots of 2+ acres with additional room). The existing development character and presence of water and sewer were also considered. Consistent with the methods used in the LCA, a market factor of 15% for vacant lots and 25% for built lots with additional development potential, was subtracted from the calculated development potential to account for preferences of individual land owners who simply do not wish to development (These numbers may actually be higher, but we chose to follow the Department of Commerce's recommendations regarding this methodology). Wetlands and geologically hazardous areas were also subtracted.

The first column identifies the *Neighborhood Reference Number* and assigned name. The second and third columns show the gross acreage for the neighborhood and the potential

acreage available for development. The fourth column includes the *Net Lots*, or net lot potential (increase in potential) should the area be changed from S(R-II) to S(R-III). The fifth column includes the percentage (%) of development capacity remaining in the neighborhood. This represents the overall area available for development or redevelopment. Omitted are areas that are already developed or precluded areas, such as wetlands. The higher the percentage of capacity, the more room there is within the neighborhood to accommodate future growth, including the high-density target.

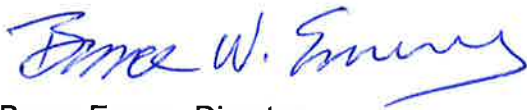
The sixth column includes the *Capacity per Gross Acre*, which represents the overall effectiveness of the zoning change based on the development potential. The higher the number, the more units on a per-acre basis could result. This helps to indicate those areas where a change in zoning may produce measurable differences in the future as opposed to neighborhoods that are already nearly at full development. The seventh and eighth columns indicate the presence of sewer and water, with the last column including staff's qualitative comments.

As discussed earlier, we are hoping to target areas with good development potential to be able to demonstrate and achieve the required housing target. Generally, if we focused on neighborhoods that demonstrate a *Development Capacity* of 40% or greater, and a *Capacity per Gross Acre* of 4/acre or more, we would be maximizing the effect of the zoning change without having to extend it over a broader area. Neighborhoods 1 & 2 (staff proposal) meet these criteria. Also, Neighborhoods 5, 16, 17 and 18 meet them as well. Neighborhood 16 does not have water service and is a landowner with a history of expressing no desire to be located within City limits. Neighborhoods 17 and 18 also lack water service. At their elevation, water system expansion is not likely in the near future and will require substantial system upgrades including sourcing, pump stations, or possibly both. For these reasons, Neighborhoods 16 through 18 are not good candidates.

Neighborhood 5 does have services available and does indicate a good development potential. However, it is located between a high-activity commercial area (Wal-Mart, etc.) and a neighborhood that has requested to remain outside of the Urban Growth Area (Palo Verde Loop). The potential for conflict between these opposites make Neighborhood 5 less than ideal for any subsequent changes.

We would like to go through this information in more detail during Wednesday night's meeting, which may include reviewing aerial photos and answering any questions you may have. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 360-417-2323 or at bruce.emery@clallamcountywa.gov.

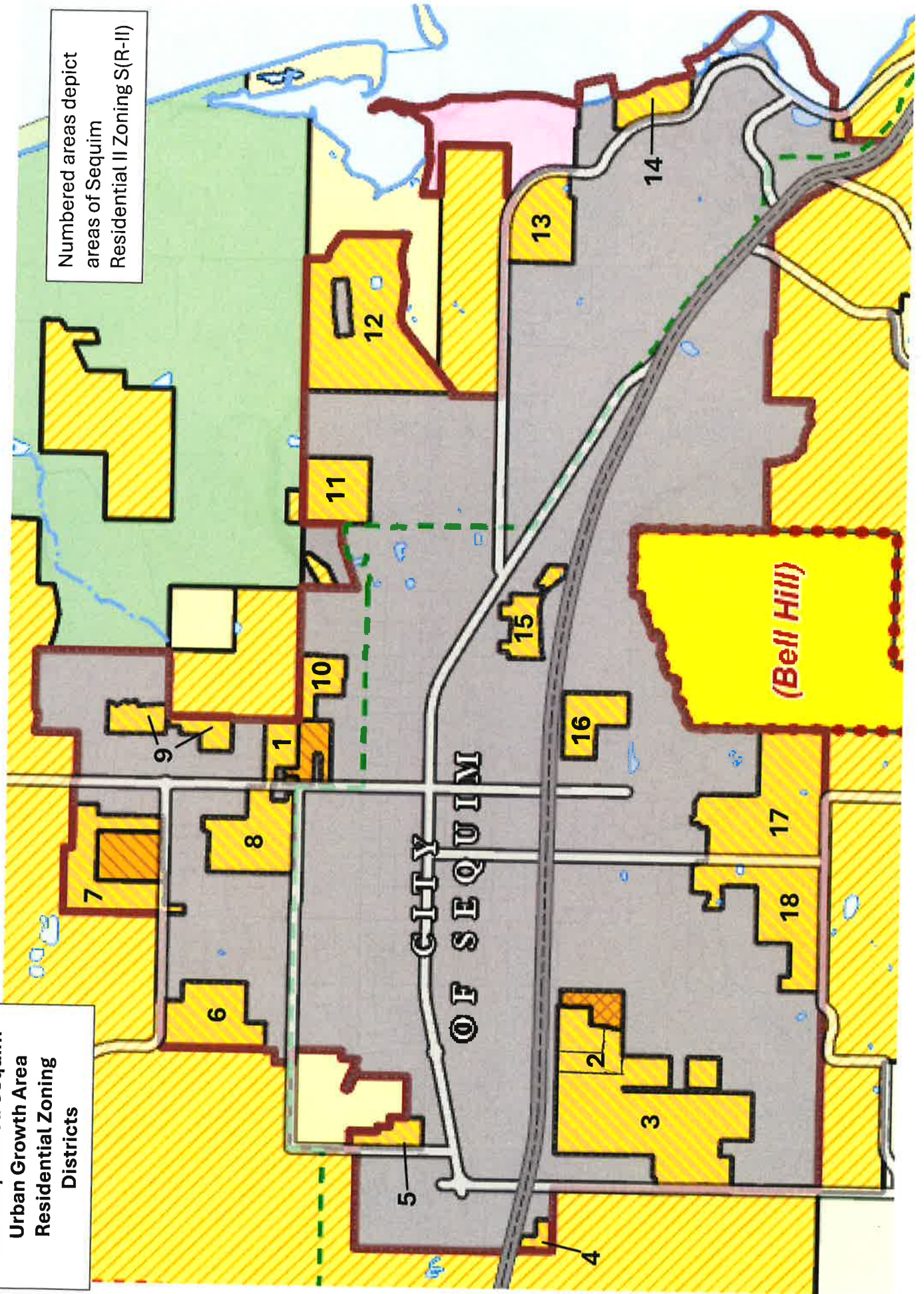
Sincerely,



Bruce Emery, Director
Clallam County DCD

Unincorporated Sequim
Urban Growth Area
Residential Zoning
Districts

Numbered areas depict
areas of Sequim
Residential II Zoning S(R-II)



**Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update
Draft Amendments to the Clallam County Zoning Code, Title 33, CCC**

The following excerpts from the Clallam County Zoning Code relate directly or indirectly to the definitions and locations for distribution for the placement of emergency housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and similar facilities in accordance with RCW 36.70A.070(2), and/or further the implementation of requirements under RCW 36.70A.681. The proposed changes shown herein are required to be adopted concurrently with the County's Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Definitions, Section 33.03.010, CCC.

(36) "Emergency housing" means indoor accommodations for individuals or families who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and is intended to address basic health, food, clothing, and personal hygiene needs of individuals or families.

(37) "Emergency shelter" means a facility that provides a temporary shelter for individuals or families who are currently homeless. Emergency shelter facilities may include day and warming centers that do not provide overnight accommodations.

(48) "Household" means a housekeeping unit consisting of:

(a) an individual;

(b) two or more related persons;

(c) a group of two or more disabled residents protected under the Federal Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988;

(d) adult family homes as defined under Washington State law;

(e) a group living arrangement where six or fewer residents receive support services such as counseling, foster care or medical supervision at the dwelling unit by resident or nonresident staff; or

(f) two or more residents not related by blood or marriage who live together in a dwelling unit, or in conjunction with any of the above individuals or groups.

(g) For purposes of this section, minors living with parent, legal custodian (including a foster parent), or legal guardian shall not be counted as part of the maximum number of residents.

(h) Any limitation on the number of residents resulting from this definition shall not be applied in a manner inconsistent with the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. 360, et seq., the Washington law Against Discrimination, Chapter 49.60 RCW, and/or the Washington Housing Policy Act, RCW 46.63.220.

(77) “Organic materials management facility” means a location and related improvements where organic waste, such as food scraps, yard trimmings or other organic materials that do not contain pesticides, pests, or other forms of chemical or biological contamination, is processed into new products like compost or energy, through composting, anaerobic digestion, vermiculture, black soldier fly, or similar technologies.

(84) “Permanent supportive housing” means subsidized, leased housing with no limit on length of stay that prioritizes people who need comprehensive support services to retain tenancy. It utilizes admissions practices designed to use lower barriers to entry than typical for other subsidized or unsubsidized rental housing, especially related to rental history, criminal history, and personal behaviors. Permanent supportive housing is paired with on-site or off-site voluntary services designed to support a person living with a complex and disabling behavioral health or physical health condition who was experiencing homelessness or was at imminent risk of homelessness prior to moving into housing to retain their housing and be a successful tenant in a housing arrangement, improve the resident’s health status, and connect the resident of the housing with community-based health care, treatment, or employment services.

~~(1040)~~ “Single-family dwelling” means a dwelling unit detached from any other dwelling unit ~~and intended for occupation by one family~~ and including accessory improvements and uses. This definition includes manufactured homes such as mobile homes, modular homes and other homes manufactured in components or as one complete dwelling unit.

(114) “Transitional housing” means a project that provides housing and supportive services to homeless persons or families for up to two years and that has as its purpose facilitating the movement of homeless persons and families into independent living.

(114) “Vacation rental” means a legally constructed dwelling intended for occupancy of the entire dwelling (not rental of individual rooms) by any person/group other than the primary owner for periods of 30 days or less and is an allowed use in all zoning districts that allow single-family ~~residences~~dwellings. Uninhabitable structures like garages, barns, or sheds shall not be used as vacation rentals. “Vacation rental” does not include a bed and breakfast permitted and operated in accordance with this code.

Scope of Land Use Zones and Boundary Definitions, Ch 33.05, CCC,

Comprehensive Plan Designation	Regional Plan	Zoning Designation	CCC Section
<u>Various</u>	<u>Sequim/Dungeness Port Angeles</u>	Airport Overlay District	<u>33.07.060</u>
Urban Residential	<u>Sequim/Dungeness Straits</u>	Urban Residential High (URH)	<u>33.13.010</u>

Urban Residential	<u>Sequim/Dungeness Western</u>	Urban Residential Low (URL)	<u>33.13.020</u>
Urban Low Density	<u>Port Angeles, Western</u>	Urban Moderate Density (LD)	<u>33.13.040</u>
Open Space Overlay	<u>Port Angeles</u>	Urban Very Low Density/Urban Low Density (VLD/LD)	<u>33.13.050</u>
Urban Moderate Density	<u>Port Angeles, Straits</u>	Urban Moderate Density (MD)	<u>33.13.060</u>
<u>Open Space Overlay</u>	<u>Port Angeles</u>	Open Space Overlay/Open Space Corridor (OS)	<u>33.13.070</u>

Urban Zones, Ch 33.13, CCC,

33.13.030 Urban Very Low Density (VLD).

(9) Open Space Overlay: When Urban Very Low Density zoning districts contain contiguous critical areas they are identified by an Open Space Overlay (OS) designation ~~which identifies them as an area from which development rights may be transferred.~~

33.13.050 Urban Very Low Density/Urban Low Density (VLD/LD).

~~(7) Transfer of Development Rights.~~

~~(a) Development rights may be transferred from any urban property located within an Urban Very Low Density/Open Space Overlay zone or any rural property located within an Open Space Overlay Corridor. Development rights may be utilized to increase densities in the VLD/LD zoning district utilizing the transfer of development rights process of Chapter 33.26 CCC.~~

~~(b) The base density of the VLD/LD zoning district shall not be increased above nine (9) dwelling units per acre.~~

33.13.070 Open Space Overlay/Open Space Corridors (OS).

The purpose of the Urban Very Low Density/Open Space Overlay Zoning District and the Open Space Overlay Corridor is to ~~identify areas which have development rights which may be transferred in order to~~ further protect the critical areas or habitats identified by these overlay designations. Land uses, densities, lot sizes and setbacks are those allowed in the underlying zoning district. ~~A development right in an Urban Very Low Density/Open Space Overlay Zoning District or an Open Space Overlay Corridor is established by the density of development allowed in the underlying zoning district. For example, every five acres of land in a Rural Low (R5) Zoning District within an Open~~

~~Space Overlay Corridor has one development right. These development rights may be transferred as specified in Chapter 33.26 CCC.~~

Commercial Zones, Ch 33.15, CCC,

33.15.035 Diamind Point Airport (DPA).

(1) *Allowed Land Uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Rural Limited Commercial zoning district:

- Family daycare provider

33.15.060 Rural Limited Commercial (RLC).

(1) *Allowed Land Uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Rural Limited Commercial zoning district:

- Family daycare provider
- Home enterprise

33.15.067 Tourist Rural (TR).

(1) *Allowed Land Uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Rural Limited Commercial zoning district:

- Family daycare provider

33.15.070 Urban Neighborhood Commercial (UNC).

(1) *Allowed Land Uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Urban Neighborhood Commercial zoning district:

- Emergency housing
- Emergency shelter
- Family daycare propvider
- Permanent supportive housing
- Transitional housing

33.15.080 Urban Regional Commercial (URC).

(1) *Allowed land uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Urban Regional Commercial zoning district:

- Emergency housing
- Emergency shelter
- Family daycare provider

33.15.090 Urban Center (UC).

(1) *Allowed land uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Urban Center zoning district:

- Emergency housing
- Emergency shelter
- Permanent supportive housing
- Transitional housing

33.17.010 Industrial (M).

(1) *Allowed land uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Industrial zoning district:

- Organic materials management facility

33.17.020 Light Industrial (LI).

(1) *Allowed land uses.* The following land uses should be allowed outright in the Industrial zoning district:

- Organic materials management facility

Carlsborg Urban Growth Area, Ch 33.20, CCC,

Table 33.20.040(A).

Zoning District Use	CR-1	CR-2	CR-3	CN	CC	CGC	CI
<u>Emergency housing</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Emergency shelter</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Group homes (16 or fewer persons)</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Group homes (17 or more persons)</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Permanent supportive housing</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Transitional housing</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>X</u>

A-Allowed Land Use, C – Conditional land use, X – Prohibited Land Use

Sequim Urban Growth Area, Ch 33.19, CCC,

33.19.030 Purpose of Districts.

(1) Sequim Urban Residential – II [S(R-II)]. The S(R-II) zone establishes areas of low density, urban residential development consisting primarily of single-family detached residences up to one dwelling unit to one acre without required urban level facilities and services and up to five dwelling units per acre with ~~transfer of development rights and~~ the provision of urban level facilities and services. The S(R-II) zone provides for consistency and predictability in established single-family neighborhoods.

(2) Sequim Urban Residential – III [S(R-III)]. The S(R-III) zone establishes areas of medium density, urban residential development consisting of single-family, duplex, or multifamily residences up to 10 dwelling units per acre with ~~transfer of development rights and~~ provision of urban level facilities and services. The S(R-III) zone is located in areas where urban services are or will be provided concurrent with development, and is typically found in close proximity to transit, with easy access to neighborhood parks, schools and shopping.

(3) Sequim Urban Residential – IV [S(R-IV)]. The S(R-IV) zone establishes areas of medium to high density, urban residential development consisting of single-family attached and detached; single-family small lot; multifamily duplexes, triplexes, and apartment development allowed at a density of up to 16 dwelling units per acre with ~~transfer of development rights and~~ the provision of urban level facilities and services. The S(R-IV) zone is located in areas where urban services are currently available or will be provided concurrent with development, and is typically found in close proximity to transit, with easy access to neighborhood parks, schools and shopping.

33.19.040 Use Tables.

Table 33.19.040(A).

Zoning District Use	S(R-II)	S(R-III)	S(R-IV)	S(RDP)
Group homes (16 or fewer persons)	€	€	€	X
Group homes (17 or more persons)	€	€	€	X

A-Allowed Land Use, C – Conditional land use, X – Prohibited Land Use

33.19.050 Bulk and Dimensional Standards.

(2) *Bulk, Dimensional and General Requirements.* Bulk, dimensional, and general requirements are herewith established and shall be provided in accordance with the minimum standards hereinafter set forth in Table (A) of this subsection. Bulk and dimensional standards measure the spatial, four-dimensional limitations of the site, including height, width, depth, and coverage. Lot size and residential density are also subject to ~~subsection (3) of this section and~~ CCC [33.19.060\(1\)](#).

Table 33.19.050(2)(A). Bulk, Dimensional and General Requirements.

Zone	Minimum (feet)			Maximum		
	Lot Size		Required Setbacks ¹			

		Lot Width	Front			Side (each)	Rear	Lot Coverage	Building Height (feet)	Residential Density
			Access Road	Collector Road	Arterial Road					
S(R-II)	9,000 square feet	50'	20'	25'	35'	10'	15'	50%	35'	4-du/acre without TDR ² OR up to 5 du/acre with TDR
S(R-III)	9,000 square feet for single-family 9,000 square feet plus 2,000 square feet per additional unit for duplex and multifamily residences regardless of the number of buildings	50'	20'	25'	35'	10'	15'	50%	35'	4-du/acre without TDR ² OR up to 10 du/acre with TDR
S(R-IV)	6,000 square feet for single-family 6,000 square feet plus 2,000 square feet per additional unit for duplex and	50'	20'	25'	35'	10'	15'	50%	50'	4-du/acre without TDR ² OR up to with TDR 16 du/acre

multifamily residences regardless of the number of buildings									
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~~2-Clallam County will allow for a maximum residential density of four dwelling units per acre without the transfer of development rights from lands zoned Agricultural Retention. Residential density greater than four dwelling units per acre up to the maximum allowed residential density of the zone (see above) shall require transfer of development rights from an Agricultural Retention zoned lot(s) pursuant to subsection (3) of this section. The requirement for the purchase or transfer of development rights shall not apply to the construction of up to two dwelling units on a legal lot of record created prior to July 28, 1998.~~

~~(3) *Transfer of Development Rights.* This chapter designates the S(R-II), S(R-III), and S(R-IV) residential zones as receiving areas of transferable development rights from lands designated Agricultural on the Official Sequim-Dungeness Regional Comprehensive Plan Map, as amended, consistent with CCC 31.03.230(6)(a); Comprehensive Plan Policy 10. Table 33.19.050(2)(A) establishes the residential density for which transfer and/or purchase of transferable development rights shall be required within the S(R-II), S(R-III), and S(R-IV) zones. The actual transfer and/or purchase of transferable development rights shall follow the requirements as set forth under Chapter 33.26 CCC.~~

General Requirements, Ch. 33.40, CCC,

33.40.110 Notice of Proximity to Resource Zone.

All building permits or other development permits issued by the Department of Community Development for activities occurring within 500 feet of lands designated as Agricultural Retention (AR), Commercial Forest (CF), Commercial Forest/Mixed Use 20 (CFM20), Commercial Forest/Mixed Use 5 (CFM5), or Mineral Resource Land Overlay, shall be provided a written notice on or accompanying the final permit that contains the following language:

This development activity is within five hundred (500) feet of property zoned for forestry, agricultural purposes or as a designated mining site. You may be subject to inconveniences or discomforts arising from such operations, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NOISE, TREE REMOVAL, ODORS, INSECTS, FUMES, DUST, SMOKE, THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY OF ANY KIND DURING ANY 24 HOUR PERIOD (INCLUDING AIRCRAFT), THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MANURE, AND THE APPLICATION BY SPRAYING OR OTHERWISE OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS, SOIL AMENDMENTS, HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES. Clallam County has determined that the use of real property for forestry, mining or agricultural operations is a high priority and favored use to the County and those inconveniences or discomforts arising from

these operations, if such operations are consistent with commonly accepted best management practices and comply with local, State and Federal laws. However, those activities which are not related to normal forestry, mining, or agricultural operations, or which do not follow accepted best management practices, are not protected under these provisions and will be considered a nuisance."

Accessory Housing, Ch 33.50, CCC,

33.50.010 Purpose and intent.

(1) Ensure that accessory housing remains clearly an incidental and subordinate use to the principal dwelling unit~~existing single-family dwelling~~ or business.

(9) Provide a legal avenue for the sale or other conveyance of an accessory dwelling unit within a designated urban growth area as a condominium in order to promote affordable for-sale housing.

33.50.030 General requirements.

(5) *Sale or Transfer of Accessory Housing Units.* Accessory housing units shall not be sold as separate dwelling lots from the subject property, unless the portion of the subject property containing the accessory housing unit is legally subdivided from the remainder of the property pursuant to CCC Title 29 or the accessory housing unit, if located within a designated urban growth area, is sold or conveyed as a condominium in accordance with Chapter 64.34 RCW.



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PRESS RELEASE
For Immediate Release

Clallam County Planning Commission to Continue Public Hearings on Proposed Land Use Map Changes and Changes to Comprehensive Plan, December 17, 2025

The Clallam County Planning Commission will continue its public hearings at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, and again on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Clallam County Courthouse, to hear public testimony concerning proposed update/changes to Title 31, Clallam County Comprehensive Plan and Title 33, Clallam County Zoning Code. The proposed update/changes are in response to requirements of the State Growth Management Act (GMA, RCW 36.70A). Included are proposed changes to the Comprehensive Land Use Map and Zoning Map for approximately 31.3 acres within the unincorporated Sequim Urban Growth Area from Sequim Urban Residential II (SR-II) to Sequim Urban Residential III (SR-III). The change will result in an increase in potential residential density from five (5) residences per acre to ten (10) residences per acre. Also included is a proposed change for all the current Urban Residential High (URH) designation to the Urban Moderate Density (MD) designation within the Clallam Bay/Sekiu Urban Growth Area, which will increase residential density from one residence per 12,500 square feet, to 16 residences per acre. The proposed changes are being made in response to new housing requirements specified under RCW 36.70A.070(2).

The full text and maps of the proposed changes are available online at: <https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/1842/Comprehensive-Plan-Update>. Any interested person or party may submit written or oral comments on the proposal. Comments can be submitted at the public hearing or in advance of the public hearing at web_DCDPlan@ClallamCountyWa.Gov, or at the Department of Community Development, 223 E. 4th St., Suite 5, Port Angeles, WA 98362-3015. Upon completion of the public hearing process, the Planning Commission will forward its recommendations to the Board of Clallam County Commissioners for its consideration and further action.

Emery, Bruce

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Subject: Press Release, Zoning Changes
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Good afternoon, Press Colleagues,

Attached is a second Press Release (first issued 10/23/25) concerning the Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU). This second release includes more detailed information about proposed zoning changes as part of the CPU. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at 360-417-2323 or at this email. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Emery, Director
Clallam County DCD

Exhibit A

Amending Title 31, Generalized Zoning and Future Land Use Map - Clallam Bay/Seki Urban Growth Area - Urban Residential High (URH) to Urban Moderate Density (MD)

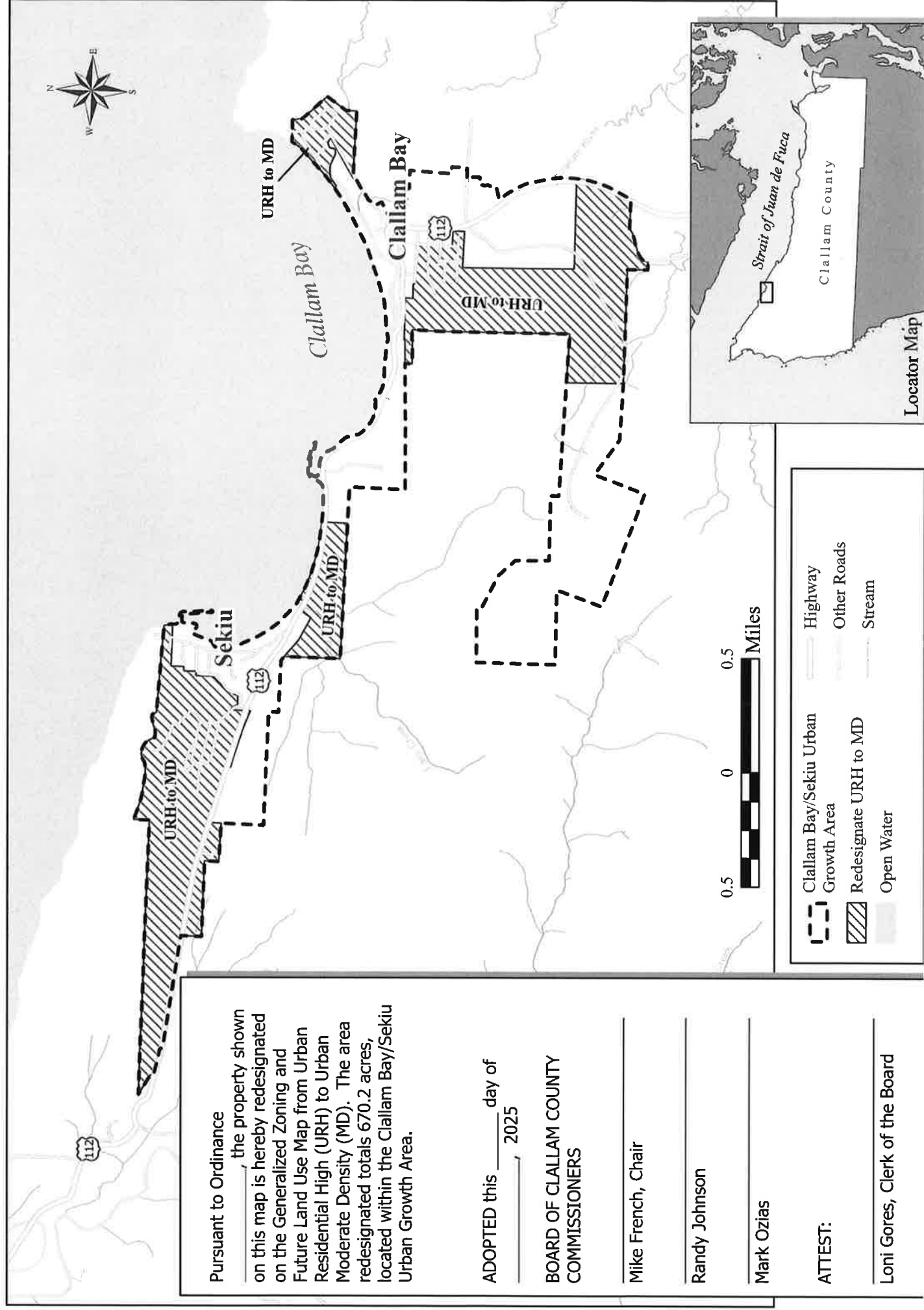


Exhibit B

Amending Title 31, Generalized Zoning and Future Land Use Map- Sequim Urban Growth Area- 14.1 acres Sequim Urban Residential II (S(R-II)) to Sequim Urban Growth Area Urban Residential III (S(R-III))

Pursuant to Ordinance _____,
Parcel numbers 033030220100 and 043025110000 are hereby redesignated on the Generalized Zoning and Future Land Use Map from Sequim Urban Residential II (S(R-II)) to Sequim Urban Growth Area Urban Residential III (S(R-III)). The area redesignated totals 14.1 acres, located within the Sequim Urban Growth Area.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mike French, Chair

Randy Johnson

Mark Ozias

ATTEST:

Loni Gores, Clerk of the Board



Exhibit C

Amending Title 31, Generalized Zoning and Future Land Use Map- Sequim Urban Growth Area- 17.2 acres Sequim Urban Residential II (S(R-II)) to Sequim Urban Growth Area Urban Residential III (S(R-III))

Pursuant to Ordinance _____

17.2 acres east of North Sequim Avenue, north of East Hendrickson Road, and south of East Camelia Street and within the Sequim Urban Growth Area is hereby redesignated on the Generalized Zoning and Future Land Use Map from Sequim Urban Residential II (S(R-II)) to Sequim Urban Growth Area Urban Residential III (S(R-III)). The area redesignated totals 17.2 acres, located within the Sequim Urban Growth Area.

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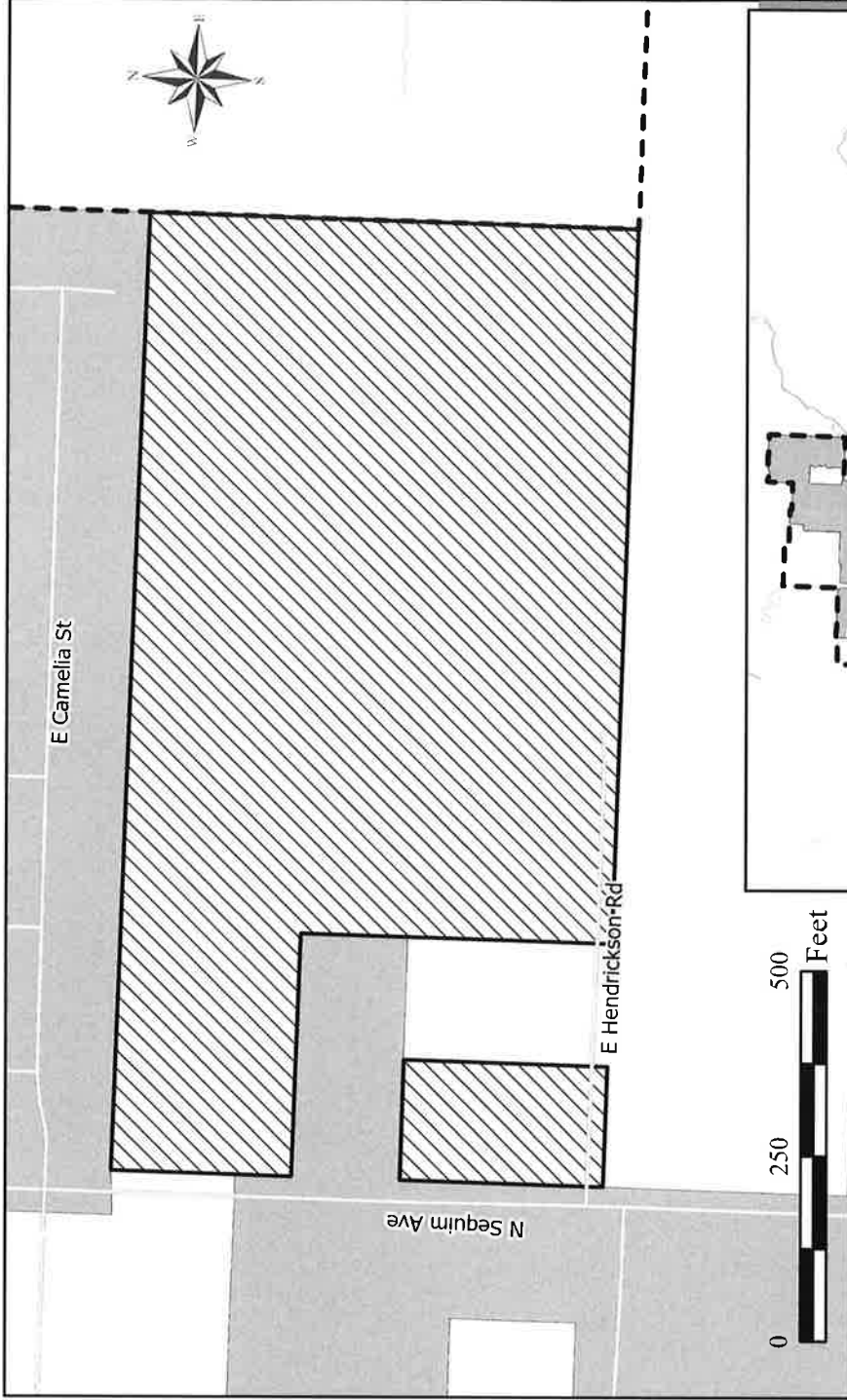
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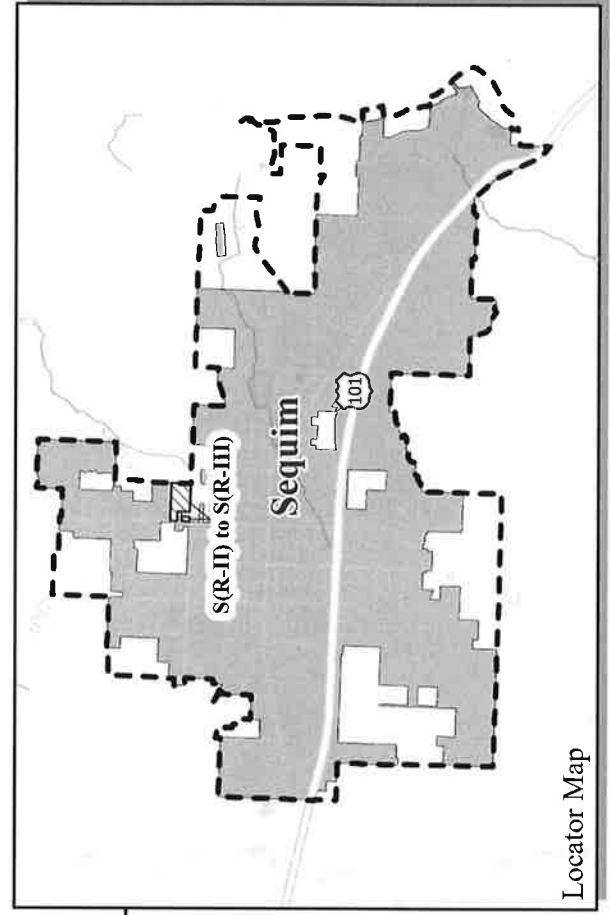
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- Sequim Urban Growth Area
- Incorporated City of Sequim
- Redesignate S(R-II) to S(R-III)
- Open Water
- Highway
- Other Roads
- Stream



Locator Map

many are in danger of being damaged or lost because of ongoing development. Wherever possible, sites should be permanently preserved for scientific study and/or public observation consistent with 36 CFR 800 and Chapter 27.53 RCW. If the presence of an archaeological site is unknown, then a survey should be conducted by an archaeologist.

(c) Proposed development on or adjacent to an identified archaeological, historic, or cultural site should be designed and operated to be compatible with continued protection of the archaeological, historic, or cultural site.

(d) The location of historic, cultural, and/or archaeological sites/resources should not be disclosed to the general public unless adequate provisions can be put in place to ensure long-term protection and preservation of such sites/resources.

(eb) Cooperatively plan, implement, and maintain corridor management plans for all proposed and existing Washington State Scenic and Recreational Highways (Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 112). Identify the long-term landscape character desired for scenic and recreational highways and their related cultural resources, and implement landscape maintenance practices appropriate to ensure the resources' lasting character.

(fe) Discourage additional commercial development parallel (immediately adjacent) to scenic and recreational highways where it has a negative impact on the scenic character of the route.

(23) Policy 23. Clallam County shall recognize tribal nations as co-managers in adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. Affected tribal nations shall be notified of development applications prior to action and be given the opportunity to comment on the project's impact to tribal rights, as required by the State Environmental Policy Act, the Clallam County Shoreline Master Plan, Executive Order 21-02, SEPA, RCW27.53, RCW 68.60, WAC 25-48, WAC 25-46, RCW 42.56.300, RCW 27.44, RCW 68.50, etc..

31.02.410 Transportation – Background issues.

(1) The transportation system, as defined by the Growth Management Act, is composed of air, water, land transportation facilities and services, including highways and streets, paths, trails, sidewalks, transit, airports, ports, and rail. Our transportation or circulation system should function to serve our mobility of goods and people based on land use patterns. The system

should not be improved to strictly serve the single occupant vehicle if we aspire to meet growth demands, with conservative financial expenditures and a sensitivity to the environment. The transportation system should encourage alternative “modes” of transportation and convenient “intermodal” connections from one mode of travel to another.

The County is required to comply with concurrency by developing a concurrency management system for roads and transit routes. According to the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.070), “Local jurisdictions must adopt and enforce ordinances which prohibit development approval if the development causes the level of service on a transportation facility to decline below the standards adopted in the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan, unless transportation improvement or strategies to accommodate the impacts of development are made concurrent with the development.”

Level of service (LOS) standards are the gauge to measure whether transportation facilities are performing at acceptable levels and a way to identify capacity deficiencies. Please see Table 7 for description of level of service and Figure 31.02.410(A) for a graphic example. When level of service standards are adopted, they are used to gauge whether transportation improvements and strategies required to serve development are in place, or there is a financial commitment to have them in place within six years of development. This is otherwise known as concurrency: having necessary transportation facilities available to serve new development no later than the impacts of the new development.

When it is determined that a transportation facility will be deficient due to future development, there are five ways of complying with concurrency:

- (a) Program funding within six years to maintain the facility at performance standard;
- (b) Require the developer to bring the facility up to standard;
- (c) Adjust land use plans to reduce demand caused by growth;
- (d) Deny the individual development permit; or
- (e) Implement alternative transportation demand management strategies, such as multimodal enhancements which reduce the demand on the transportation facility.

It is also possible to change the standards through amendment of the Comprehensive Plan. Changing the standards should be considered only within the context of all the policies and goals of the Comprehensive Plan and not be a result of individual hardships.

Table 7. Roadway Level of Service Definitions

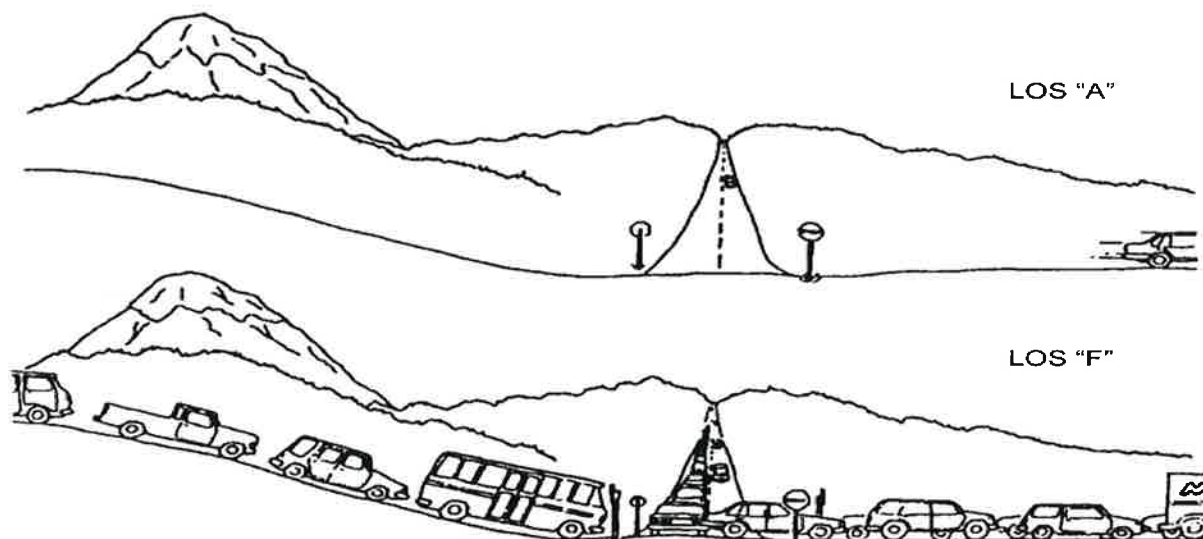
LEVEL OF SERVICE	DEFINITION
A	<u>Describes free-flow operations. FFS prevails on the freeway or multilane highway, and vehicles are almost completely unimpeded in their ability to maneuver within the traffic stream. The effects of incidents or point breakdowns are easily absorbed.</u> Describes a condition of free flow with low volumes and high speeds. Freedom to select desired speeds and to maneuver within the traffic stream is extremely high. Stopped delay at intersections is minimal.
B	<u>Represents reasonably free-flow operations, and FFS on the freeway or multilane highway is maintained. The ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is only slightly restricted, and the general level of physical and psychological comfort provided to drivers is still high. The effects of minor incidents are still easily absorbed.</u> Represents reasonably unimpeded traffic-flow operations at average travel speeds. The ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is only slightly restricted and stopped delays are not bothersome. Drivers are not generally subjected to appreciable tensions.
C	<u>Provides for flow with speeds near the FFS of the freeway or multilane highway. Freedom to maneuver within the traffic stream is noticeably restricted, and lane changes require more care and vigilance on the part of the driver. Minor incidents may still be absorbed, but the local deterioration in service quality will be significant. Queues may be expected to form behind any significant blockages.</u> In the range of stable flow, but speeds and maneuverability are more closely controlled by the higher volumes. The

LEVEL OF SERVICE	DEFINITION
	selection of speed is now significantly affected by interactions with others in the traffic stream, and maneuvering within the traffic stream requires substantial vigilance on the part of the user. The general level of comfort and convenience declines noticeably at this level.
D	<u>Level at which speeds begin to decline with increasing flows, with density increasing more quickly. Freedom to maneuver within the traffic stream is seriously limited, and drivers experience reduced physical and psychological comfort levels. Even minor incidents can be expected to create queuing, because the traffic stream has little space to absorb disruptions. Represents high-density, but stable flow. Speed and freedom to maneuver are severely restricted, and the driver or pedestrian experiences a generally poor level of comfort and convenience. Small increases in traffic flow will generally cause operational problems at this level.</u>
E	<u>Describes operation at or near capacity. Operations on the freeway or multilane highway at this level are highly volatile because there are virtually no usable gaps within the traffic stream, leaving little room to maneuver within the traffic stream. Any disruption to the traffic stream, such as vehicles entering from a ramp or an access point or a vehicle changing lanes, can establish a disruption wave that propagates throughout the upstream traffic stream. Toward the upper boundary of LOS E, the traffic stream has no ability to dissipate even the most minor disruption, and any incident can be expected to produce a serious breakdown and substantial queuing. The physical and psychological comfort afforded to drivers is poor. Represents operating conditions at or near the maximum capacity level. Freedom to maneuver within the traffic stream is extremely difficult, and it is generally accomplished by forcing a vehicle or pedestrian to "give way" to accommodate such maneuvers. Comfort and convenience levels are extremely poor, and driver or pedestrian frustration is generally high.</u>

LEVEL OF SERVICE	DEFINITION
	Operations at this level are usually unstable, because small increases in flow or minor disturbances within the traffic stream will cause breakdowns.
F	Describes forced or breakdown flow, where volumes are above theoretical capacity. This condition exists wherever the amount of traffic approaching a point exceeds the amount which can traverse the point. Queues form behind such locations, and operations within the queue are characterized by stop-and-go waves which are extremely unstable. Vehicles may progress at reasonable speeds for several hundred feet or more, then be required to stop in a cyclic fashion.

Source: ~~Transportation Research Board, Transportation Research Board, Highway Capacity Manual, 7th Ed., 2022 Special Report 209, Washington, D.C., 1985~~

Figure 31.02.410(A).



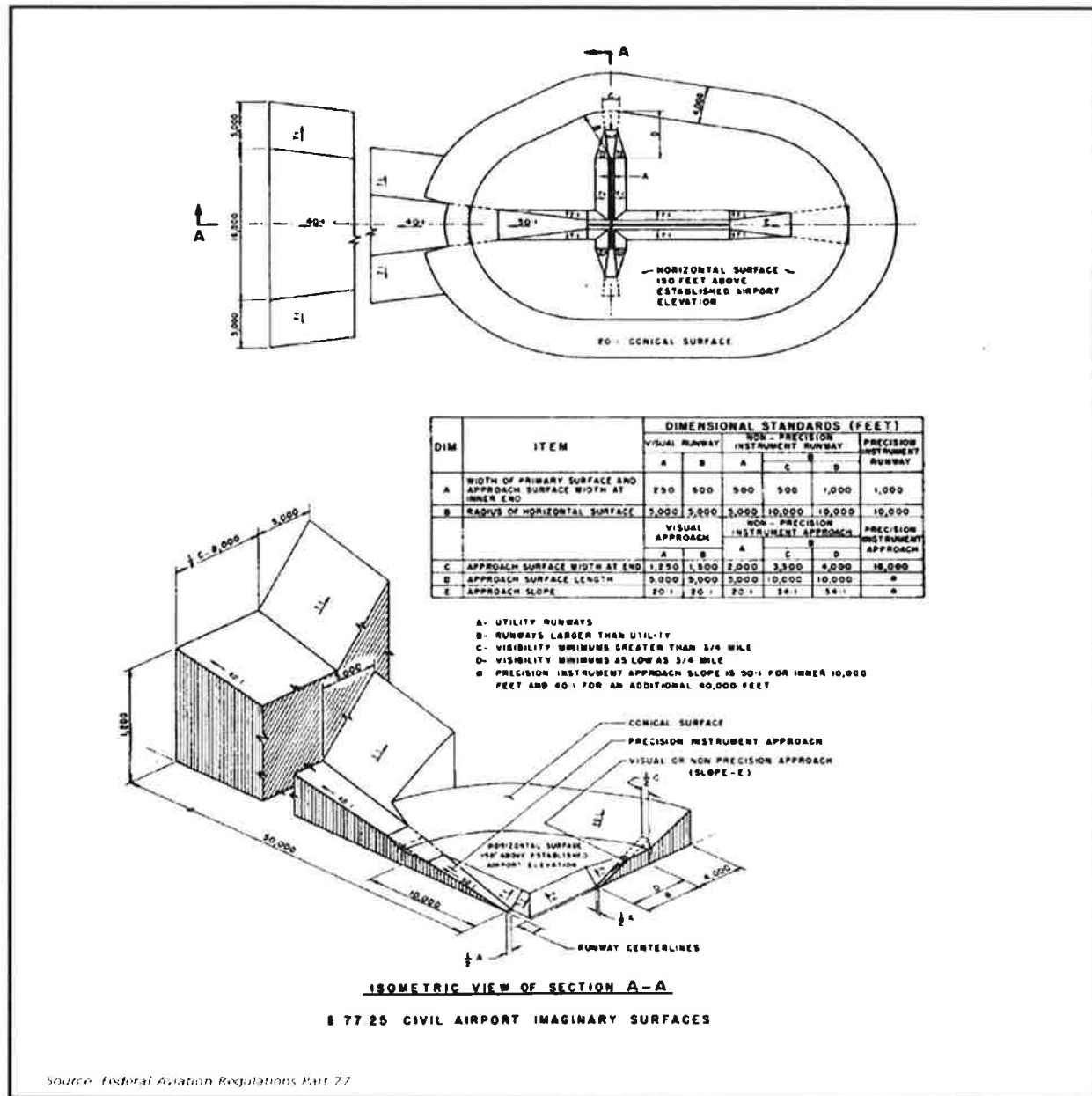
This chapter addresses transportation goals and policies that prioritize moving people and goods at an acceptable level of service, regionally and locally. The chapter also guides an

effective concurrency management system into place that allows growth where transportation facilities exist and takes advantage of travel modes which minimize maintenance costs and eliminate system expansion needs.

(2) The Growth Management Act requires local jurisdictions to designate public use airports as essential public facilities (RCW [36.70A.200](#)). Additionally, local jurisdictions must discourage incompatible land uses adjacent to public use general aviation airports (RCW [36.70A.547](#)). The Washington State Department of Transportation – Aviation Division is charged with providing technical assistance to local governments to develop comprehensive plans and development regulations consistent with these requirements. The intent of the requirements is to protect the safety of people on the ground and in aircraft, the current operations of the airport, and the future viability of the airport.

(3) Title [14](#), CFR, Part 77 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) “Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace” (referred to herein as FAR Part 77) establishes standards for determining obstructions in navigable airspace. Part 77 provides horizontal and vertical dimensions for airspace protection surfaces above and around each airport runway. The horizontal size and vertical slope of the airspace protection surfaces are based on the category of the runway. The category of runway is based on the most precise type of approach available or planned for that runway. See Figure 31.02.410(B) for a diagram of airspace protection surfaces.

Figure 31.02.410(B) – FAR Part 77 Diagram



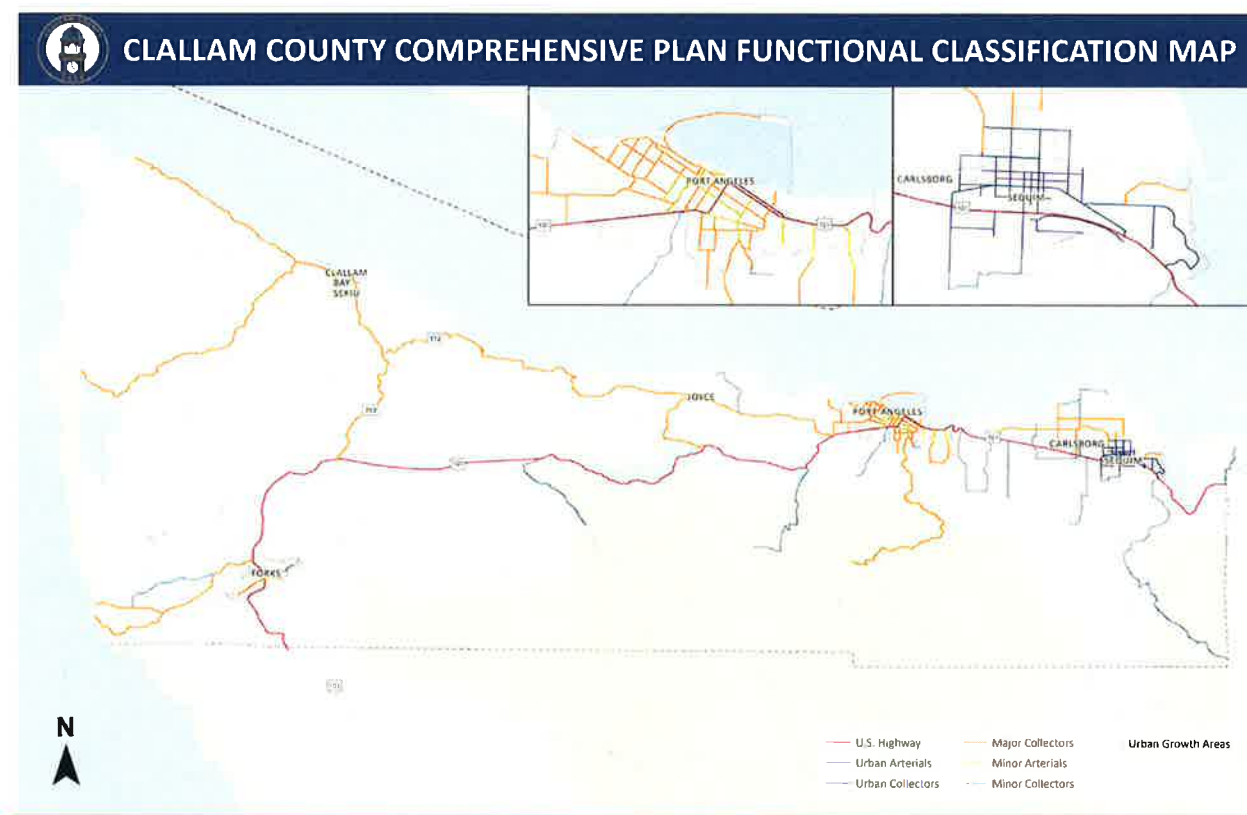
31.02.415 Transportation – Inventory and Operations.

The Clallam County transportation system provides a wide variety of travel options for transportation by land, water and air. Today's travel options include private vehicle, ferry, public transportation, bicycle or airplane. The main highway travel corridor through Clallam County is Highway 101 which carries approximately 14,000 vehicles per day east of Sequim, approximately 20,000 vehicles per day in the Sequim area, 30,000 vehicles per day in the Port

~~Angeles area, and approximately 2,500 vehicles per day west of Port Angeles up to 20,600 vehicles per day.~~ The State highway and arterial road network allows access to all populated areas of the County and to Olympic National Park destinations. The ferry connection to Victoria, British Columbia and major air transportation facilities are located in Port Angeles. Small aircraft can be accommodated at several air strips located throughout the County. Public transportation is provided by the Clallam Transit bus system and connects with Jefferson County transit service. A system of existing roadways and bicycle trails enables County residents and visitors to use non-motorized travel options to access urban and rural locations in the County.

(1) *Roads.* The Clallam County road system consists of urban arterials and urban collectors, minor arterials, major and minor collectors, and rural roads. Roads approaching capacity deficiency are occurring along “rural roads” which no longer carry rural traffic counts. ~~The roadway classifications are shown in Figure 31.02.410(C), below.~~ Substandard roads are prevalent in heavily short platted areas of the County. Points of congestion are typical at intersections entering and leaving Sequim and east of Port Angeles along State Highway 101. Clallam County transportation planning in conjunction with the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization has developed a gauge of reference to monitor and describe the deficiencies of roads. This “level of service” will indicate when a road or intersection has reached its threshold of performance.

Figure 31.02.415(C) – Clallam County Roadways, Functional Classification Map



Presently, the Clallam County Road Department maintains 4897.32 miles of County public road, 39 bridges and approximately 50 miles of active transportation corridor. Road inventory remains consistent in terms of road miles. With the increase in tourist activity seen over the past few decades, focus has been on maintaining the roads in the current inventory as well as reconstructing more heavily traveled roads to allow safer and more efficient travel. This is accomplished through repaving, shoulder widening, slope flattening and alignment straightening. The public road system is inventoried and monitored through the Graphical Information System-Mobility program (GIS-Mo).

Maintenance of the road system is aided by the implementation of a new pavement management system which involves videotaping the County roads. An up-to-date inventory of the County roads has been completed which logs the visual condition of roads and systematically records road characteristics in the computerized County Road Information System (CRIS). Road improvement programming and transportation planning is supported by the CRIS.

Bridge inventory has been increasing in recent years and is expected to continue due to the increase in funding available for fish passage barrier removal. Culverts that have been determined to impede migration of aquatic organisms to a higher degree are being replaced with larger drainage structures that classify as bridges. These bridges are inventoried and monitored through the National Bridge Inventory.

The active transportation corridor, known as the Olympic Discovery Trail, is expanding. Approximately 50 miles have been identified as segments that need constructed in order to create a continuous trail that runs the length of Clallam County. Funding for these segments is actively being pursued.

~~The federal financing of roads has changed dramatically with the passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, or ISTEA (pronounced "ice tea"). With this new federal assistance comes a new emphasis in planning for the entire transportation system, not just roadway components. Traditional roadway programs must be viewed as just one of many ways in which transportation deficiencies are handled. The classification of roads for service-function becomes important when administering ISTEA. A road classified as rural will not compete nation-wide for financing as will an arterial road. Complex highway financing mechanisms will lead elected officials and planners to search for other means of meeting transportation needs such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, carpools and vanpools, and public transportation.~~

(2) *Port, Marine Terminals and Moorage.* The Port of Port Angeles was created in 1922 and began operations shortly thereafter. Currently, the Port provides various transportation related facilities which include marine terminals, industrial districts and airports. The Port Angeles Harbor is the westernmost natural deepwater harbor in the Puget Sound which requires no dredging. The Port currently owns and operates two deep-water terminals with a total capacity of five vessels. The Port Angeles Boat Haven covers 16.1 acres on the south shore of the Port Angeles Harbor. Moorage space accommodates approximately 560563 commercial and recreational vessels. ~~The marina provides 244 permanent moorage slips, plus 22 transient slips, and has an ultimate capacity of 355 slips.~~

The John Wayne Marina is located at Pitship Point on Sequim Bay. The marina lies within an area recently annexed to the City of Sequim. The marina provides 244 permanent moorage slips, plus 22 transient slips, and has an ultimate capacity of 355 slips. The facilities include water, electricity, fuel, a boat launch, a public service building, and recreational access.

Additional marina and moorage facilities are found in Sekiu, Neah Bay, and LaPush. These facilities provide moorage for commercial and recreational fishing, charters, and may provide greater opportunities for cruise boats, etc.

(3) *Ferries*. Black Ball Transport has provided ferry service between Victoria, B.C. and Port Angeles since 1959. The ferry, M.V. Coho, has capacity for 130 passenger vehicles on board and the ridership in 1993 carried 138,407 vehicles. The number of crossings per day varies with the season. The winter schedule is limited to one round-trip crossing, whereas the summer tourist season demands four round trips per day. The Coho accommodates over 550,000 passengers per year and transports 4,000 bicyclists. The trip crosses the Strait of Juan de Fuca in one hour and 35 minutes.

The Victoria Express is a walk-on passenger-only service and can traverse the strait in 55 minutes. The newly remodeled vessel can seat 148 passengers. Reservations are taken for the four daily round trips in the summer season and for the two round trips during May 15th – June 19th and September 8th – October 12th.

(4) *Airports*. There are five public use general aviation airports in Clallam County, shown on Figure 31.02.415(A) and described in subsections (4)(a) through (f) of this section, as well as 10 privately owned private use airports and three private use heliports listed in subsection (4)(g) of this section.

(a) Sequim Valley Airport, located three miles west of the City of Sequim, is a privately owned, public use general aviation airport. The airport has one runway, 09/27, suitable for single-engine to twin-turboprop aircraft. The majority use is privately owned, single-engine aircraft for recreational use. In 2003, there were 26 single-engine airplanes based at the airport with 8,000 annual operations. Navigational aids present include lighted runway, rotating beacon, unlighted wind cone, and a segmented circle. Facilities include aviation fuel, aviation maintenance and repair, a 420-by-55-foot T-hangar with 20 bays, 80-by-60-foot maintenance hangar, and a 15-by-50-foot operations center that serves private plane owners and operators. In 2005, there were limited commercial freight operations, charter operations, and no commercial passenger services. The airport is used for Medivac, firefighting, and Coast Guard operations.

(b) William R. Fairchild International Airport is located in the City of Port Angeles and owned by the Port of Port Angeles. The airport is a primary commercial service airport suitable for single-engine recreational aircraft, twin-turboprop aircraft, commercial freight

operations, and occasionally larger aircraft as large as Boeing 737s. Navigational aids present include instrument landing system (ILS), visual approach slope indicator (VASI), non-directional beacons (NDB), runway end identifier lights (REIL), and medium intensity approach lighting system (MALSR). Commercial operations include aircraft repair and inspection, charter flights, flight instruction, freight operations, passenger service to King County International Airport – Boeing Field, and 64 T-hangers and T-sheds. The 5,000-square-foot terminal accommodates a restaurant, gift shop, and rental car service. The airport is used for Medivac, firefighting, and Coast Guard operations. The Port of Port Angeles has plans for additional hangars, commercial and industrial developments, and airport facility improvements. The Port sponsored an Airport Layout Plan completed in 1988 and a Noise Compatibility Study completed in 1986.

(c) Sekiu Airport is located near the Strait of Juan de Fuca adjacent to the community of Sekiu/Clallam Bay. The airport is owned by the Port of Port Angeles and is available for public use. The airport has one runway, 08/26, suitable for single-engine aircraft. The majority of use is privately owned, single-engine aircraft for recreational purposes. In 2003, there were two single-engine airplanes based at the airport with 498 operations. Navigation aids present include lighted runway, visual approach indicator, windsock, and segmented circle. Facilities include three 80-by-40-foot T-hangars and a public restroom. No commercial freight, passenger, or other commercial flight services were operational in 2005. The airport is used for Medivac, firefighting, and Coast Guard operations. The Port of Port Angeles sponsored a 1996 study titled “Sekiu Airport – Safety, Liability and Management Issues.”

(d) Forks Municipal Airport is a public use general aviation airport located in and owned by the City of Forks. The airport has one runway, 04/22, suitable for single-engine aircraft. In 2003, there were five single-engine airplanes based at the airport with 13,600 annual operations. Navigational aids present include lighted runway, unlighted wind cone, and a segmented circle. Other facilities include eight tie-downs, 15 hangars, and contract helicopters. No commercial freight, passenger, or other commercial flight services were operational in 2005. The airport is used for Medivac, firefighting, and Coast Guard operations. The City of Forks sponsored an Airport Layout Plan in 1997 that included a complete airport and airspace information as well as location of future aviation expansion area.

(e) *Quillayute Airport.* The Quillayute Airport is a former Naval Auxiliary Air Station located approximately 10 miles west of the City of Forks. The facility was deeded to the City of Forks by the Washington State Department of Transportation – Aviation Division in March, 1999. The airport serves general aviation needs, and is suitable for single-engine and twin-turboprop aircraft. The airport has two concrete runways, 04/22 and 12/30. In 2003, there were five single-engine airplanes based at the airport with 6,700 annual operations. Navigational aids present include a windsock and a segmented circle. No commercial freight, passenger, or other commercial flight services were operational in 2005. The airport is used for Medivac, firefighting, and Coast Guard operations. The City of Forks sponsored a land use plan in 2001 and drafted an airport master plan to address future development and infrastructure improvements for the airport. The airport land use plan also addressed land use compatibility surrounding the airport. In 2002, the airport received a grant funded jointly by WADOT – Aviation Division and the FAA to resurface runway 04/22.

(f) *Public Use General Aviation Airport Runway Dimensions.*

Table 31.02.415(A). Public Use General Aviation Airports

Airport	Runway	Length (feet)	Width (feet)	Elevation¹ (feet)	Airport Property² (acres)
Sequim Valley	09/27	3,500	40	144	150 ³
William R. Fairchild	08/26 ⁴	6,350	150	288	797
William R. Fairchild	13/31	3,250	50	288	797
Sekiu	08/26 ⁵	2,890	50	352	25
Forks Municipal	04/22	2,400	75	297	101

Airport	Runway	Length (feet)	Width (feet)	Elevation¹ (feet)	Airport Property² (acres)
Quillayute	04/22 ⁶	4,210	150	194	765
Quillayute	12/30 ⁷	4,700	200	194	765

¹ Above mean sea level.

² Airport property is approximate.

³ 50 acres is owned by the airport and 100 acres leased.

⁴ Runway 26 has a displaced threshold of 1,350 feet.

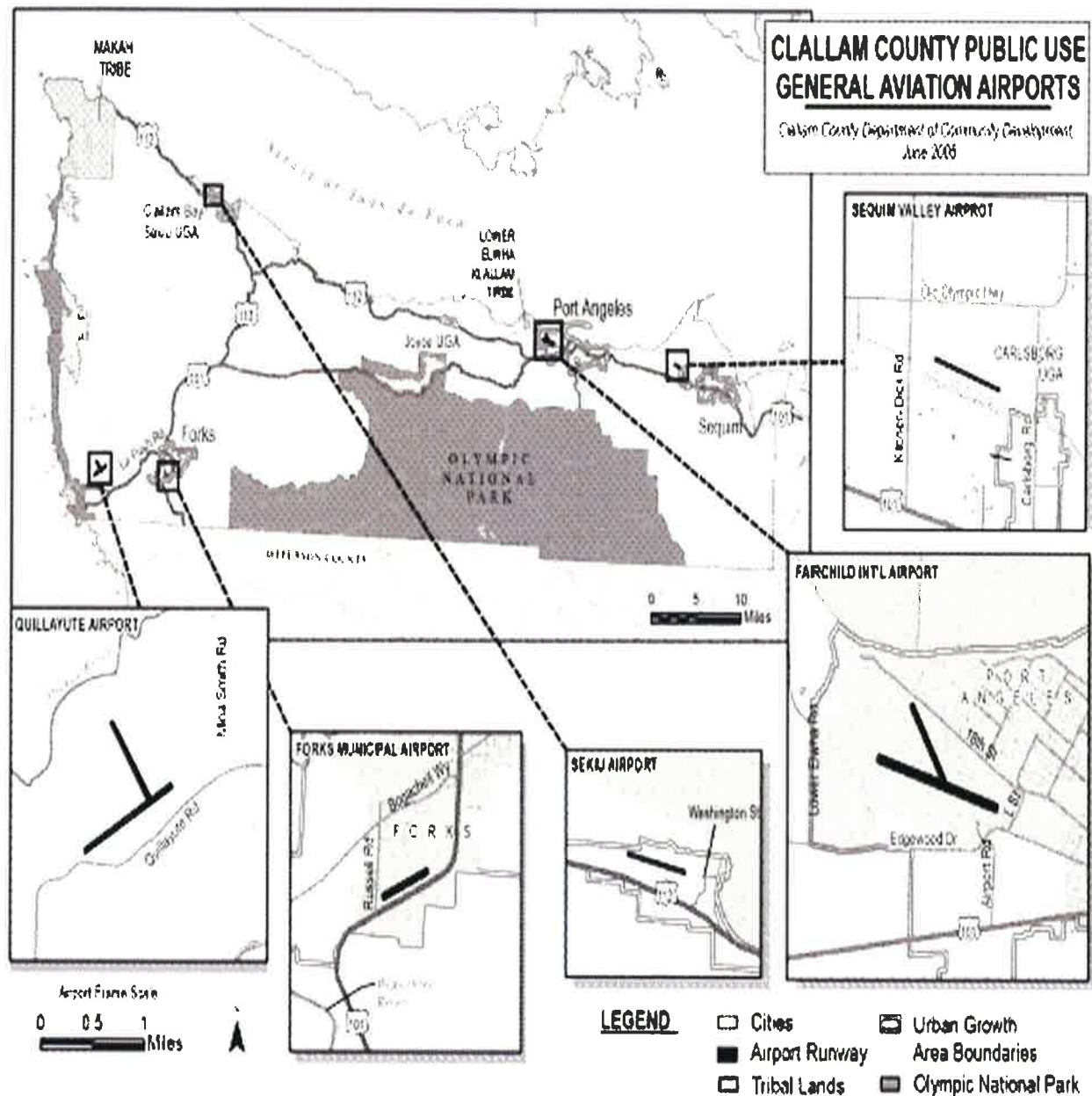
⁵ Runway 26 has a displaced threshold of 790 feet.

⁶ Runway 22 has a displaced threshold of 1,089 feet.

⁷ Runway is currently closed due to surrounding tree obstructions and pavement issues.

(g) Clallam County's privately owned private use airports include Lawson Airpark Airport, Thompson Airport, Big Andy Airport, Blue Ribbon Airport, Swanton Ultralight Flightpark, Grand View International Airport, Rake's Glen Airport, Harbord Field Airport, and Diamond Point Airport. Clallam County's privately owned private use heliports include Eclipse Heliport and Thompson Heliport. Permission is required for landing at these airports and landing fees and/or other fees may apply. Heliport use is limited to hospital operations at Olympic Memorial Hospital Heliport. Runway use is limited to Coast Guard operations at the Port Angeles Coast Guard Air Station.

Figure 31.02.415(A).



(5) *Transit.* The Clallam Transit System provides complete bus service throughout Port Angeles and to destinations such as Forks, Clallam Bay, LaPush, Neah Bay and Diamond Point. The fixed-route service consists of 124 scheduled routes weekday routes, 10 Saturday routes and two Sunday routes. An additional seasonal fixed route provides nine daily trips to Hurricane Ridge. These routes are broken into 3 service categories: intercity, urban, and rural. Two microtransit routes provide linkage to the cities, unincorporated areas, and tribal nations within Clallam Countyhe “Bus” makes intercity connections in Sequim with Jefferson Transit for transportation to Port Townsend and other points in Jefferson County. The Strait Shot 123 service connects Port Angeles and Sequim with Poulsbo and the Bainbridge Island Ferry

~~Terminal in Kitsap County Highway 101 commuter routes are available between Port Angeles and Sequim. Service standards apply to the three categories of routes based on performance. The performance indicators are used to show ridership trends or quality of ride. The physical and mentally handicapped and 80+ senior citizens-residents have wheelchair accessible doorstep service available to them via Paratransit. People not capable of using Clallam Transit regular service can call a day in advance for Paratransit door-to-door travel. The Paratransit service is provided by two private, nonprofit corporations on contract with Clallam Transit System.~~

~~Olympic National Park has worked in cooperation with Clallam Transit System on a pilot project to provide public transportation to Hurricane Ridge. The project was a huge success since bus service from Port Angeles Visitor Center to Hurricane Ridge Lodge was scheduled on a February holiday weekend. Parking lot congestion at Hurricane Ridge was alleviated and safety conditions along the route were improved. The Olympic National Park and Clallam Transit desire to provide similar transit service in the future. The Park's most recent concession, The Paddlewheeler, allows the ferry boat users to take a bus shuttle from outside the Olympic National Park boundary to the Lake Crescent boat launch. This transportation service removes unnecessary vehicle trips along a deficient road segment of SR 101 and eliminates the need for parking.~~

Clallam County has three park-and-ride lots operating and serving the public in the west portion of the County. Sappho, Forks and Laird's Corner park-and-ride lots are served by Clallam Transit System routes 14, 15 and 16. Other park-and-ride lots to the west of Port Angeles have been abandoned. The park-and-ride lot experiencing the highest degree of success is at Forks. It was developed in cooperation with the State Department of Transportation, the city of Forks and Clallam Transit System. It serves residents in the Forks area who commute to LaPush, Clallam Bay and Neah Bay. A vanpool is also operating from Clallam Bay serving the employees of Clallam Bay Correction Center.

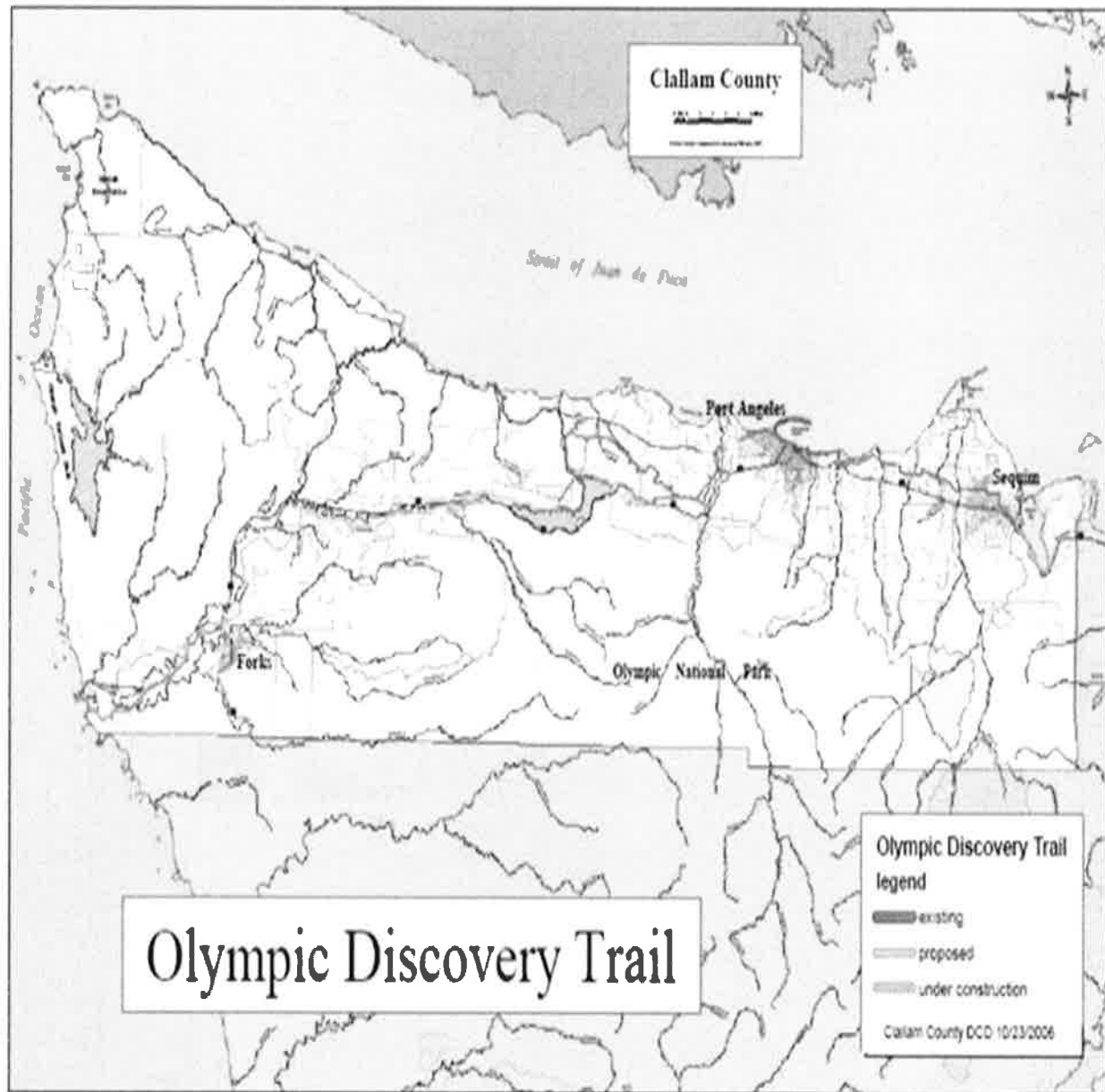
Clallam Transit System is installing bicycle racks on buses and also at stationary locations. The Bicycle Access Program makes linkages with Jefferson Transit System which already has the equipment installed. Recreational bicyclists have the option to become transit riders and lengthen journeys.

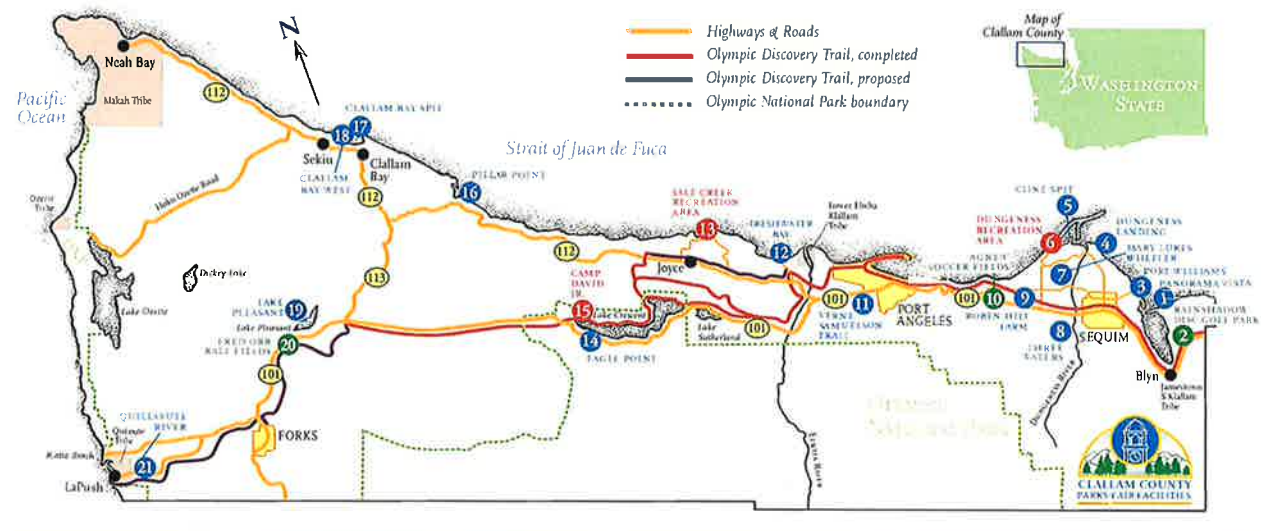
(6) *Non-Motorized Transportation.* Numerous trails are present in the Olympic National Park system and some provide connections with the Clallam County transportation system. A unique

trail to the Olympic National Park is the Spruce Railroad Trail. Formerly a railroad right-of-way, it runs along the north shore of Lake Crescent. Trailheads are located near the Log Cabin Resort on East Beach Road and Highway 101 at Sol Duc Hot Springs Road. The trail is used by pedestrians, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

The Olympic Discovery Trail is a year-around, lowland corridor for non-motorized (pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle) transportation. Its 145-mile length, utilizing significant segments of the abandoned right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad line, will connect the population centers of the North Olympic Peninsula from Puget Sound to the Pacific Coast as shown in Figure 31.02.415(B). The trail is a scenic, easily accessible and safe alternative route for commuters and recreationists. It includes a “touring” route for commuting and traveling cyclists and a western County Cross County Foothills Trail for the off-road enthusiast. The County should work closely with each of the connecting municipalities to ensure that the respective trails and feeder connections are clearly signed and fully accessible.

Figure 31.02.415(B) – Olympic Discovery Trail.





31.02.420 Transportation – Goals and policies.

(1) Roads and Highways.

(a) [Policy No. 1] Preserve and enhance Highway 101 corridor.

- (i) Promote year-round safe commuter bicycling in urban growth areas with regularly maintained bicycle facilities and appropriately designed shoulders on Highway 101.
- (ii) Review new traffic circulation patterns to disperse or separate traffic from congested segments.
- (iii) Encourage the analysis of freight scheduling to split traffic use and reduce peak hour conflict.
- (iv) Enhance the scenic nature of Highway 101 by:
 - Developing consistent information signage;
 - Prohibiting off-premises sign construction;
 - Adoption of corridor management plans along the scenic designated areas;
 - Discourage additional commercial or industrial development immediately adjacent to the areas designated as scenic.

(v) Deciduous street trees, landscape and pedestrian amenities should be included in all future Highway 101 upgrades or private development in urban areas as per matrix cell RH1-7 (see CCC [31.02.435](#) for the Design Standard Policy Matrix).

(vi) For local access roads where there exists a clear public benefit and local circumstances support, traffic calming techniques, such as raised crosswalks, variation in horizontal alignments, and other design features, should be considered consistent with adopted AASHTO Guidelines; provided, said design standards do not conflict with locally-adopted design standards.

(vii) Passing lanes should be planned as per matrix RH1-8.

(viii) Encourage the marking of historic and cultural sites along or adjacent to the Highway 101 corridor.

(b) ~~[Policy No. 2.]~~ Improve the aesthetics of scenic Highway 101 corridor.

(i) Encourage placing new and upgraded service utility lines less than twelve (12) kilovolts (KV) underground as per matrix cell RH2-1. When new utility lines over twelve (12) KV are constructed, they should be placed on the south side of the road to reduce icy pavement conditions.

(ii) Encourage highway landscaping to support the rural character and reduce visual impact of parked vehicles, equipment, etc., along the highway as per matrix cell RH2-2. Consider retaining native vegetation as a priority.

(iii) New fence construction adjacent to road right-of-way should not detract from the rural character as per matrix cell RH2-3.

(iv) Improve aesthetics of the scenic Highway 101 by the prohibition and eventual elimination of off-premises commercial signs (e.g., billboards). Prioritize the removal of off-premises signs, with signs outside urban growth areas being considered a high priority.

(c) ~~[Policy No. 3.]~~ Increase regional mobility of goods, services and passengers and increase access to regional attractions while preserving and enhancing the urban commercial corridor.

- (i) Insist upon the State Legislature and Department of Transportation to complete improvements in the Sequim-Dungeness subregion as described in the final environmental impact statement for SR 101, Palo Alto to O'Brien Road.
 - (ii) ~~Review need for new highway alignment to improve circulation and regional mobility in the Port Angeles subregion. Proactively communicate and coordinate with the Washington State Department of Transportation to identify and plan for US 101 Highway corridor improvements, new alignments, and bypass routes needed to improve circulation, address congestion, provide resilience, and maintain arterial flow and efficient regional mobility throughout the county.~~
 - (iii) ~~Review the need to have a new highway connection from Neah Bay to Ozette along or near the coast. Assess options and feasibility of alternative/emergency access routes for the SR 112 north coast area, including an alternative route from Neah Bay to Forks.~~
 - (iv) ~~Continue to participate in coordinated transportation planning through the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization to ensure regional consistency with other government agencies.~~
- (d) ~~[Policy No. 4.]~~ Preserve existing road and highway system.
- (i) Highway level of service will be calculated for planning purposes consistent with the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization.
 - (ii) Highway level of service for County roads will have a minimum acceptable level of "C" for rural and urban roads. (See Figure 1.)
 - (iii) Highway level of service for State highways will be consistent with the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization. LOS = "D" for urban highways and tourist corridors. LOS = "C" for rural highways.
 - (iv) A computer transportation model to forecast future road deficiencies and a transportation inventory data base will be maintained for the County and municipal jurisdictions to monitor growth and forecast predictions and also become the basis for a concurrency management system. (See CCC [31.02.425](#) for discussion of forecasting methodology.)

(v) Ensure the continued viability of Highway 112 as a major transportation route by protecting segments in geologically unstable areas (i.e., land slides).

(vi) Continue to encourage volunteer help to maintain roads.

(vii) In collaboration with Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization, adopt a multimodal level of service policy for state Highways of Regional Significance that is compatible with the WSDOT multimodal level of service policy for Highways of Statewide Significance.

(e) ~~[Policy No. 5.]~~ Develop rural design standards which enhance strong rural character and neighborhood identity while providing adequate safety.

(i) Design rural major collectors and higher classified roadways to accommodate various transit vehicles according to transit comprehensive plans.

(ii) All road structural improvements should be coordinated with Paratransit services as required by the American Disabilities Act (ADA) to meet driving maneuverability needs).

(iii) Design standards for County roads should adhere to the standards set forth in the "City and County Design Standards," adopted by WSDOT pursuant to RCW [35.83.030](#) and RCW [43.32.020](#), as now or hereafter amended. As of this date, the following standards are adopted:

ADT	Below 150	150 - 400	401 - 750	751 - 1,000	1,001 - 2,000	2,001 and over
Roadway Width	20 - 24 ft.	24 ft.	26 ft.	28 ft.	34 ft.	40 ft.
Lane Width	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	11 ft.	12 ft.

(iv) All rural federal routes should adhere to minimum WSDOT design standards but not exceed the given standards per criteria unless warranted by a specific land-use impact.

(v) The design and construction of private roads should allow for flexibility while meeting minimum safety requirements for emergency vehicles. The developer should be responsible for improvements to bring the private road up to public road standards if future public agency acceptance is desired.

(vi) To minimize conversion of land designated as commercial forestry or commercial forestry mixed, unpaved County roads in these designations should be returned to private or State ownership, or remain unpaved. The County should not construct or accept as a County facility any road in these designations if the road performs to a local access or minor collector functional classification.

(f) ~~[Policy No. 6.]~~ Manage access to the transportation system.

(i) Periodically, review the State access management classification for State highways to advise changes towards comprehensive planning goals.

(ii) The following standards for access to State highways and County arterials shall be followed:

(A) New businesses locating in designated commercial and industrial zones that do not have access to a County road shall combine accesses with neighboring business to the maximum extent possible when adjacent to State highways.

(B) No new commercial or industrial zone shall be established along Highway 101 without access to a County road.

(C) No new subdivisions or short subdivisions in commercial and industrial zones with County road access shall be granted access to State highways.

(D) All new subdivisions or short subdivisions in any land use classification with access to a County arterial shall be allowed only one access point to the County arterial at a location approved by the County Engineer.

(iii) Promote the consolidation of access and the development of ingress/egress easements along State highways and the County arterial system as per matrix cell RH6-2.

- (iv) Provide incentives to adjacent property owners (such as setback flexibility) to establish mutually shared driveways. Ensure that development does not preclude shared access in the future as per matrix cell RH6-3.
 - (v) Develop frontage roads as an alternative to consolidation for removing direct access to Highway 101 as per matrix cell RH6-4.
 - (vi) Access should be controlled with raised medians with low maintenance and “non-lethal” vegetation as per matrix cell RH6-5. Raised medians, or the “boulevarding” concept should be a recommendation in the Coastal Corridor Master Plan to be implemented with federal funds.
 - (vii) Deceleration and acceleration lanes should be planned to allow stable through traffic flow as per matrix cell RH6-6.
- (g) ~~[Policy No. 7.]~~ Consider the needs of school bus transportation in the design and maintenance of the transportation system.
- (i) WSDOT service objectives and design standards need to be consistent with school bus design standards.
 - (ii) School bus route level of service developed by the school districts should trigger a review of transportation solutions by the responsible transportation agencies to resolve the deficiency caused by the changing demographics of school-age children.
 - (iii) The quantity of school bus pullouts should be adequate and the location of school bus pullouts should be coordinated with the city, County, and especially Clallam Transit System.
 - (iv) Traffic control, weight and structural improvements for school bus traffic should be coordinated in all agency plans.
- (h) ~~[Policy No. 8.]~~ Create an awareness for sharing the road with bicyclists. ~~Promote a change of attitude.~~
- (i) Plan the widening of paved shoulders as in the bicycle plan (CCC 31.02.440) in accordance with recognized guidelines, such as AASHTO.

(ii) Designated bicycle lanes should be provided on bicycle routes according to the bicycle plan (CCC [31.02.440](#)).

(iii) Introduce public awareness signs to bicycle lane courtesy and commuter choices as per matrix cell RH8-3.

(i) [~~Policy No. 9.~~] Encourage alternatives to the single occupant vehicle (SOV), such as transit, commuter van pools, bicycles, and ferries by improving facilities for and links between such alternative modes of transportation.

(i) Encourage coordinated land use planning and zoning regulations to place services and development where there is existing infrastructure. Land use intensities (densities) should be based on a reasonable and balanced transportation system.

(ii) Level of service standards should be adjusted to allow concentrated growth in existing urban centers and to discourage growth in resource lands by tolerating more congestion in urban areas.

(iii) The concurrency management system should give priority to the implementation of transportation demand management strategies to alleviate highway deficiencies before expanding a road facility if the level of service is one grade below acceptable.

(iv) Establish incentives to transit ridership such as offering free transit passes in lieu of private vehicle mileage reimbursement.

(v) Promote strategies that favor alternative modes of transportation such as imposing parking fees and the limitation of private vehicle access in nonmotorized corridors.

(vi) Encourage and support the major employment and commercial centers in reducing single occupant vehicle trips by enacting ridesharing, transit flexible and staggered work hours, and other transportation demand management strategies.

(vii) Support capital improvement projects that facilitate and contribute to the success of transportation demand management measures.

(viii) Encourage transportation shuttle services and parking strategies for regional attractions with private charter services and public/private partnerships.

(ix) Foster employer and retail business partnerships with the assistance of local service organizations in employee encouragement programs. The program should encourage employees to use alternate transportation modes by exchanging coupons from retail businesses for HOV or nonmotorized trips to work.

(x) New parking standards should be developed for commercial and employment centers that are located adjacent to or within a one-half mile range of an existing transit corridor and commuter bicycle facility. Required number of parking stalls and dimension of the stalls should be reduced to make allowances for transit, nonmotorized and HOV travel options. Parking location should give preference to HOVs, bicycles and the compact car. Parking stall ratios should be established for carpools, vanpools, (HOVs) and compact vehicles. Employment centers with minimal external traffic should have standards based on number of employees instead of floor space.

(xi) The orientation of commercial buildings or employment centers should have a connection with the street and provide minimal parking in the "front" and the majority of parking around the side or in the "back" to achieve pedestrian and transit friendly development and to create definition to the street.

(j) [~~Policy No. 10.~~] Road safety should continually increase as population growth occurs.

(i) Prioritize safety deficiencies using both statistical measures (e.g., accidents and road geometrics) and public input. Periodically, review the process for effectiveness of prioritizing road segment and intersection deficiencies.

(ii) Roadway level of service standards shall incorporate other factors of transportation to calculate the safety element of level of service such as quantity of freight vehicles and bicycles.

(iii) Encourage a network of secondary routes to address emergency vehicle access.

(iv) New development should not be allowed unless accessed by a County road meeting County engineeringthe following minimum standards:

Surface Width — 16 feet

Grade — 12 percent maximum

Curves—Centerline radii not less than 100 feet

(k) [~~Policy No. 11.~~] Protect wildlife habitat and prevent watershed degradation, where possible, through:

- (i) New transportation corridors shall minimize to the reasonable extent possible the disruption to wildlife and stream corridors and shall provide for maintaining connectivity between habitat areas with the application of buffers and other means.
- (ii) Expansion of existing transportation corridors should enhance and/or restore connectivity between habitat areas.
- (iii) New transportation arterials and major collectors which have the potential to transport hazardous materials should not be planned parallel to and in close proximity to shorelines. Transportation facilities should minimize the potential impact of accidental spillage of hazardous materials into any waterway.
- (iv) Roadside ditches should be maintained for biofiltration functions. Vegetated, grassy swales should be designed to collect pollutants from highway runoff.
- (v) Bridges and other transportation facilities should not constrict the natural meander of river channels.
- (vi) Design road geometrics and drainage to intercept or minimize the transport of roadway sanding materials from entering stream corridors.
- (vii) The amount of impervious surfaces should be minimized to allow for maximum infiltration, reduced quantity of runoff and potential reduction for flooding.
- (viii) County roads shall be managed in accordance with the WSDOT Highway Puget Sound Runoff Manual that incorporates Department of Ecology's best management practices.
- (ix) Support the City, County and WSDOT nonspraying portion of their vegetative maintenance programs and the WSDOT District 3 roadside reseeding program. Avoid intrusive exotic vegetation.

(l) ~~[Policy No. 12.]~~ Provide rest areas which promote safety and provide for views of culturally or historically significant sites and information to augment the travelers' enjoyment of the highways. Rest areas are needed in the following areas:

~~(i) Between the Hood Canal Bridge and Sequim;~~

(ii) Between Lake Crescent and the Hoh River;

(iii) Between Port Angeles and Clallam Bay along Highway 112.

(2) *Marine Transportation.*

(a) ~~[Policy No. 13.]~~ Enhance marine activities for transportation and economic benefit.

(i) Consider the advantage of high speed boat transit to Puget Sound and British Columbia destinations.

(ii) Have adequate marine facilities to promote marine transportation.

(iii) Have adequate surface transportation serving marine facilities to promote marine transportation.

~~(iv) Explore the siting of a new marine barging facility within the Clallam Bay/Seki UGA to establish and facilitate industrial marine transport.~~

(b) ~~[Policy No. 14.]~~ Provide marine terminals throughout the Port Angeles Harbor, adequate to serve the needs of vessels engaged in marine transportation.

(i) Maintain at least five (5) berths at the Port Angeles Marine Terminal to accommodate cargo vessels engaged in international trade.

(ii) Provide additional cargo vessel berths to accommodate ships engaged in importing or exporting cargoes in support of local industries.

(iii) Maintain existing barge terminals, and provide additional barge terminals in the future if needed to allow the waterborne movement of commodities that are efficiently transported by barge.

(iv) Maintain and improve existing ferry terminals, and provide additional ferry terminals as required.

(v) Include ferry terminal operations with other transportation modes in the proposed Port Angeles Multimodal Transportation Center.

(vi) Provide appropriate berthing facilities to allow Port Angeles to become an intermediate stop for cruise ships operating in the region.

(vii) Encourage efforts to establish a high speed passenger/package freight vessel transportation system (i.e., mosquito fleet) in the Puget Sound region, and support the inclusion of Port Angeles in such a system if it is established.

(3) *Public Transportation.* Encourage ridership and support transit expansion to reduce single occupant vehicles (SOVs).

(a) ~~{Policy No. 15.}~~ Develop and adopt transit friendly design standards for high capacity and priority transit corridors. Land use densities in these corridors should support transit usage.

(b) Transit-compatible design standards should apply to new development within one-half mile of an existing transit route or an urban growth area to ensure cohesive and efficient transit service to major commercial, medium to high density residential and public facility development. Clallam Transit System shall be involved in the development review process.

(c) Developers should be given the opportunity to utilize transit credits for their development if located within one-half mile of an existing transit facility in lieu of road capacity (mitigation) improvements.

(d) Promote government/private partnerships in public transportation facilities.

(e) Pursue the Port Angeles Multimodal Transportation Center for most efficient usage as a regional facility.

(f) Encourage public transportation service around the Olympic Loop.

(g) Develop neighborhood-scale park-and-ride lots at Highway 101 junction with collectors. Design lots with bicycle storage facilities on-site.

(h) The supply of transit service shall be consistent with population and employment densities. More service should be provided to urban growth areas and the interconnection of urban growth areas, and tribal centers and other population centers than to rural areas.

(i) ~~Continue to coordinate with Clallam Transit to support implementation of the agency's long-range system plan, with emphasis on primary routes serving urban areas and regional transportation corridors, consistent with its currently adopted Service Standards. Transit level of service should be evaluated according to Clallam Transit System performance criteria and Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization methodology which analyzes supply and demand in terms of passengers per seat, headway, and comparison travel time. Refer to "Transit Demand and Supply LOS Tables" in CCC 31.02.430.~~

(j) Concurrency for transit level of service shall be met within six years of new development when demand LOS standard is deficient. Supply LOS should be representative of ways to resolve demand deficiencies. However, this concurrency requirement shall be governed by the current financial ability of the transit organization to fund service improvements.

(k) Transit level of service shall have a minimum acceptable level of service of "D" for either supply or demand. Target ranges are set to consider optimum performance efficiency and comfort level for urban, intercity, and rural routes as per table in CCC [31.02.430](#).

(4) *Airport.*

(a) *Policy 16.* Maintain air transportation as a safe, efficient, economical, and environmentally acceptable travel mode serving the needs of County ~~citizens~~[residents and visitors](#).

(b) *Policy 17.* Encourage airport managers and sponsors to maintain up-to-date airport master plans, airport layout plans, airport facility plans, or other similar documents meeting Federal Aviation Administration and Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division requirements to determine the existing and future air transportation role of airports and provide the needed direction for future development.

(c) *Policy 18.* Coordinate land use development in and adjacent to public use airports to reduce hazards that may endanger the lives and property of the public and aviation users and to protect the viability of Clallam County's public use general aviation airports.

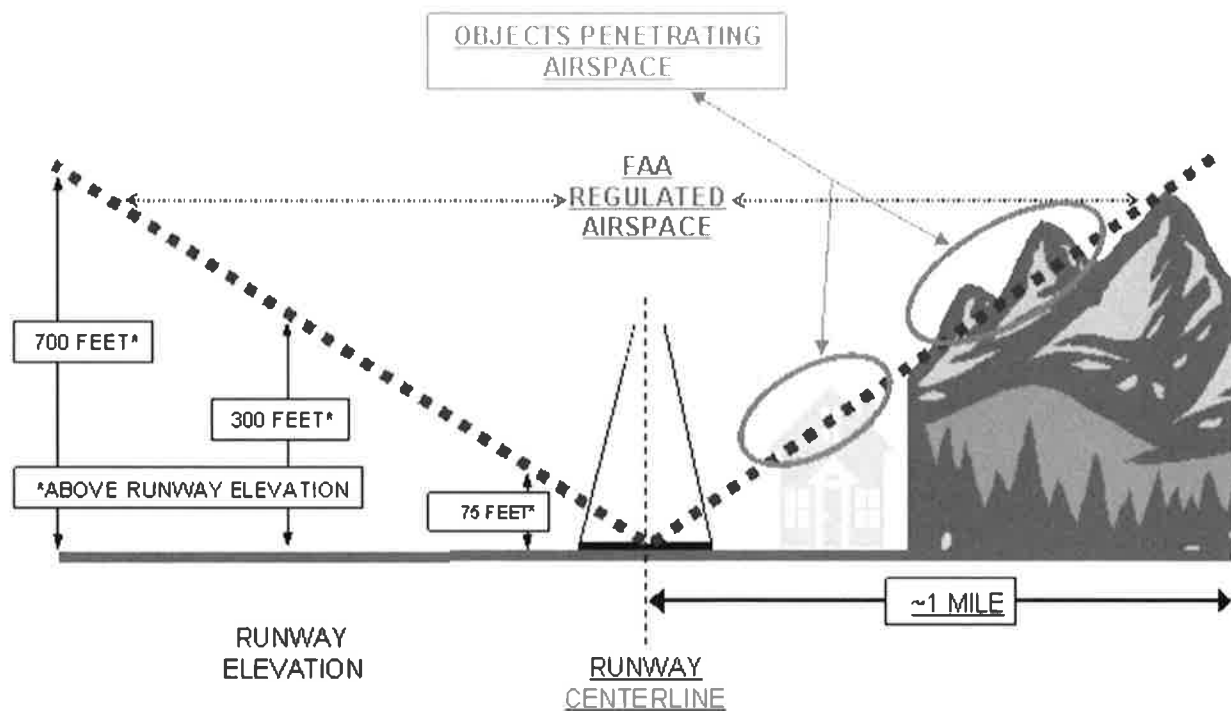
(d) *Policy 19.* Provide adequate surface transportation between airports and urban growth areas and ensure that the existing major arterial streets, roads and highways serving the airport are adequate.

(e) *Policy 20.* Recognize Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) as the major air carrier hub airport for Clallam County. Support efforts to attract a passenger airline carrier with direct flights to Sea-Tac.

(f) *Policy 21.* Discourage siting of incompatible land uses around public use airports. Pursue a balance between this requirement and other goals of the Growth Management Act including, but not limited to, protection of private property rights, providing adequate housing, and appropriate economic development in rural and urban areas.

(g) *Policy 22.* Protect navigable airspace, as provided in Code of Federal Regulations Title 14 Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77 – Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace, from obstructions that are of sufficient height as to constitute a danger to aircraft flight. See Figure 31.02.420(A) for an illustration of objects penetrating FAR Part 77 airspace.

Figure 31.02.420(A). FAR Part 77 Schematic Displaying Objects Penetrating Airspace



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(h) *Policy 23.* Provide notice and disclosure to current, future and prospective purchasers of lands within the Airport Overlay District of potential hazards and nuisances associated with aircraft operations and the potential for land use and height regulations.

- (i) *Policy 24.* Designate public use, general aviation airports located within Clallam County as essential public facilities.
 - (j) *Policy 25.* Enact regulations to preserve open land along the extended runway centerline within the Airport Overlay District.
 - (k) *Policy 26.* Discourage airport hazards including, but not limited to, the siting of land uses adjacent to airports that foster an increase in bird or wildlife populations, create visual hazards, discharge emissions of any particulate matter in the air that could impair airport operations, emit electrical transmissions that would interfere with aviation communications and/or instrument landing systems, or otherwise obstruct or conflict with aircraft patterns or result in potential hazards to aviation.
 - (l) *Policy 27.* Encourage economic development opportunities and aviation-related land uses within the Airport Overlay District to promote the efficient mobility of goods and services consistent with the economic development element and the regional transportation strategy.
 - (m) *Policy 28.* Consult with the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division to provide input into the land use planning efforts around Clallam County's public use airports.
- (5) *Trails, Paths and Sidewalks.* (Policy 29.) The safety and quality of the travel experience for the non-motorized traveler shall be improved with a greater role in the transportation system.
- (a) Widely and prominently sign for the public the location of safe alternate bicycle routes and trails to separate motorized and non-motorized traffic when possible.
 - (b) The Olympic Discovery Trail shall be developed as a priority transportation facility to bring non-motorized travelers from Jefferson County to the Port Angeles corridor and to the major towns and communities west to the Pacific Coast.
 - (c) A system of lateral/feeder routes should connect Highway 101 to the Olympic Discovery Trail. Additional lateral routes should be explored and developed to provide expanded multimodal connectivity between residential areas, community features, and the Olympic Discovery Trail.
 - (d) Support the Foothills Cross Country Equestrian Trail and the Pacific Northwest Trail.

- (e) Encourage developments that promote pedestrian, bicycle, and non-motorized use such as bicycle and hiker-only campgrounds and the placement of benches and vault or portable toilet facilities.
 - (f) Require developers to provide safe access for pedestrian traffic to transit stops.
 - (g) Develop and implement on-site pedestrian and bicycle access standards for new development in conjunction with County bicycle plans as per matrix cell TPS1-7.
 - (h) Provide adequate and secure bicycle parking at all ferry terminals, park-and-ride lots, and public facilities as demand requires.
 - (i) Storage facilities for bicycles should be available in conjunction with transit shelters along the Highway 101 corridor as per matrix cell TPS1-9.
 - (j) Incorporate appropriate bicycle parking design standards for major employers, institutional, and retail uses, in Clallam County's zoning regulations as per matrix cell TPS1-10.
 - (k) Pedestrian facilities, such as walkways and trails, should be required per matrix cell TPS1-11 and within walking distance of school facilities along Highway 101, County arterials and major collectors.
 - (l) Encourage the installation of bicycle detection traffic control devices on regular replacement schedule at intersections of minor roads to connecting arterials as per matrix cell TPS1-13.
 - (m) Significant historical or cultural sites along trails and paths should be identified. Identify trails as to their basic historic beginnings. For example, the Olympic Discovery Trail had its historic beginnings with the railroad. Interpretive markers identifying this trail beginning should be included in the trail system.
 - (n) Design non-motorized routes for multiple users, including walking, running, bicycling, equestrian, etc.
- (6) *Finance. ([Policy No. 30])* Identify and develop a practical and realistic financial plan that is both adequate and equitable in terms of meeting the needs of the people of Clallam County. Such a plan shall seek to provide efficient and effective services and facilities.

- (a) Maximize private funding of transportation facilities and maintenance.
- (b) Ensure new development projects contribute a “fair share” of financing transportation improvements needed to accommodate the impacts to the transportation system resulting from new developments. “Fair share” means that existing and new revenue sources to finance transportation system improvements (see CCC [31.02.460](#)) maintains level of service standards adopted in this Plan. If these revenue sources do not maintain level of service standards, then new development must be responsible for funding the balance. “Fair share” also means ensuring that new development projects on roads not meeting minimum safety standards (see Policy No. 10.d, subsection [\(1\)\(j\)\(iv\)](#) of this section) adheres to mitigation goals of the County (see Policy No. 31, subsection [\(7\)](#) of this section).
- (c) The nonmotorized element shall be a part of the funding component of the capital improvement program.
- (d) Encourage and support volunteer participation in transportation facility construction and maintenance.
- (e) Coordinate federal, State, and private funding.
- (f) Public agencies should coordinate joint projects that would consolidate funding and benefit multiple jurisdictions. Public-private partnerships should also be encouraged.
- (g) Spending priorities will be established that recognize the practicable limits of public and private funding sources.

(7) *Mitigation.* ~~[[Policy No. 31]]~~ Clallam County should require new development to mitigate impacts on transportation facilities which are insufficient to safely handle transportation demands. The County should develop strategies to require new development to rectify and/or compensate for impacts to transportation facilities not meeting minimum safety standards, or when currently adopted levels of service (LOS) are diminished below acceptable levels, when reasonable and capable of being accomplished. These strategies may include active transportation facility improvements, increased or enhanced public transportation service, ride-sharing programs, demand management, and other transportation systems management strategies funded by the development.

31.02.425 Land use assumptions and forecasting methodology.

Transportation forecasting is an art and not an exact science. The method described will not accurately predict the future 20-year traffic counts, as it will attempt to discover a relationship between current traffic patterns and the new traffic generated from land use alterations. The purpose of linking land use and transportation in the Comprehensive Plan is that they are each predisposed to the occurrence of the other. All land use decisions should be based on traffic impacts and the ability of the jurisdiction to maintain the existing transportation facility to standard. An underutilized or overbuilt transportation facility has the tendency to guide growth into the area, whereas, overcapacity deters growth when expensive road improvements must accompany the development. This reasoning is why a lower level of service standard is acceptable in an urban growth area – it guides growth into an area where infrastructure can best support growth.

County road deficiencies will be analyzed and reported in subregional plans. Transit deficiencies are listed in CCC [31.02.430](#) and nonmotorized deficiencies are analyzed in the bicycle plan, CCC [31.02.440](#). All marine and air transportation deficiencies are deferred to the Port of Port Angeles Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements, December, 1986. All State highway deficiencies will be deferred to the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization Regional Transportation Plan.

"A forecast study of current and future (20-year) multimodal transportation demand was conducted for key arterial intersections within the Sequim Urban Growth Area in 2025, by Kimley-Horn Engineering Consultants. The locations were selected to anticipate future growth and related transportation because of land use changes contemplated within the Housing Element and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map within the unincorporated Sequim Urban Growth Area. The study was also coordinated with growth projected from land use choices being considered by the City of Sequim. The study concluded that, with projected growth and related traffic and non-motorized transportation demand, the intersections demonstrated adequate levels of service (LOS) over the projected 20-year planning horizon (see Exhibit L). additional analysis was not completed elsewhere as the City of Sequim UGA is the only location within Clallam County that proposed density changes and any significant expectation of corresponding changes in development patterns."

The Highway Capacity Manual (1985) software is the methodology to determine highway level of service as revised by the Florida Department of Transportation to accept rural, transitioning,

and urban land uses. This software was selected for two reasons: (1) the reference to land use and (2) to achieve consistency with State highways and regionally significant roads. ~~The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) is using the same software to determine level of service on regionally significant highways and roads.~~ The County Comprehensive Plan endorses the regional transportation planning of the PRTPO and assumes the level of service standards, deficiencies and system needs of the State highways. A sophisticated traffic computer modeling package, Tmodel II, will be used by the County in cooperation with local jurisdictions. The model will contain the federal classified roads that qualify for ~~ISTEA Surface Transportation Program~~ funds which are rural major collectors, urban collectors, minor and principal arterials. The model will forecast the allocation of traffic to the network of collectors and arterials. Case by case, the new traffic generated from a development can be loaded onto the network to see if the level of service remains adequate. The traffic model will be the best tool available to monitor concurrency.

For comprehensive planning purposes, the County Road Information System (CRIS) was linked to a geographic data layer in the PC ARC/INFO Geographic Information System (GIS). The CRIS contains annually updated road design and road conditions information. GIS analysis and mapping provided a vehicle for deficiency inventory and interactive public involvement. It also performed the trend analysis for forecasting traffic. Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) were delineated from census block numbering areas with some census block modification. The TAZs were analyzed by the GIS for zoning and land use characteristics for the “do nothing” case. The assumption is that as current land use conditions remain and the influx of population rises, growth will occur in the undeveloped regions with development potential. The 1990 Census was used in a linear projection forecast model to determine the amount of growth to be received by the subcensus area. The growth is distributed into the TAZs by proportion of undeveloped parcels. Regional land use alternatives are analyzed for modifying growth patterns of residential and commercial/industrial development. As densities increase or decrease, average daily traffic (ADT) per household is calculated as 10 trips per day, according to the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation (ITE) Manual, 5th Edition.

The PRTPO has selected a menu of transportation growth rates based on the ~~2022 OFM Medium Growth forecast wide range of census data~~ from the four-county region: Mason, Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam. The regional road system is analyzed with 1.5 percent, three percent and 4.5 percent transportation growth rates. Clallam County should plan for future regional transportation needs (County arterials) using the lowest transportation growth rate of

1.5 percent, realizing that east and west County will not experience the same growth. For major collectors and streets, the County should plan for future transportation needs using 50 percent of potential build-out as indicated on the County comprehensive land use plan.

31.02.430 Transit demand and supply level of service standards.

The Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization is recommending two measures of level of service, demand and supply, to characterize transit LOS in urban and rural areas. The following two tables summarize the recommended thresholds and point system used in determining Table 11 (Existing LOS Conditions of Transit Routes).

Transit demand LOS is measured by examining the comfort of the transit rider in terms of the availability of a seat for every passenger. Supply LOS is calculated by combining points based on the total travel time for a passenger to complete a trip by bus. This measurement includes the frequency of scheduled trips and the travel time for a bus versus a car.

In general, routes with frequent times of departure and equal or better travel times between a bus and a car are given a LOS A. Conversely, routes traveled much faster by car with infrequent service receive a lower LOS for supply, indicating a need for some improvements. A bus with very few passengers indicates a high level of service, since a passenger is guaranteed their choice of seats. Or, if a bus is filled to twice its seated capacity, requiring passengers to stand, it receives a lower demand level of service.

Table 8. Methodology for Determining Demand LOS (1)

LEVEL OF SERVICE (peak run)	DEMAND LOS Passengers Per Seat (2)
A	< .51
B	.51 – .75

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Date:	December 5, 2025
To:	Bruce Emery, Director, Clallam County Department of Community Development; Tim Havel, Deputy Director, Clallam County Department of Community Development
Cc:	Dan Nickel, Director, Long Range Planning (Facet); Matt Covert, Senior Planner/Project Manager, Donna Keeler, Senior Planner
From:	Alex Capron, AICP, Senior Planner
Project Name:	Clallam County Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update
Facet Project #:	2401.0469.00

Clallam County - Future UGA Growth – Utilities, Land Use, Housing & Transportation Elements

This memorandum ties together various Comprehensive Plan Elements and supporting documentation for Clallam County's planned growth and realistic growth expectations over the next 20 years. Namely, the County's Transportation, Land Use (including Land Capacity Analysis), Housing, and Utilities Elements (specifically the County's Sewer System Plan) are examined and outlined in this memo to evaluate anticipated traffic within Clallam County's Urban Growth Areas (UGAs). Further, supporting Comprehensive Plan element documentation, including rezone exhibits and transportation modeling results, are listed as technical appendices to better understand where growth and development is expected to occur. Unlike most jurisdictions, these Comprehensive Plan Elements are intertwined into regionally relevant sections of Clallam County Code (CCC), chapters 31.02 through 31.06.

CLALLAM BAY/SEKIU SEWER SYSTEM PLAN

The Clallam Bay/Seki Sewer/Wastewater Facilities Plan was initiated in October 2018 with a recent update completed in May of 2025 and approved by Department of Ecology in June of 2025¹. This plan outlines a change in how the two separate sewer treatment plants function, with capital improvements focusing on removing the existing Clallam Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) from the

¹ Clallam Bay/Seki Sewer Facilities Plan Amendment, Ecology Approval. Plan link:

<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13155/CBSeki-General-Sewer-Facilities-Plan---Amendment--Ecology-Approved?bidId=>

floodplain and instead providing a centralized treatment plant where the Sekiu WWTP exists. While these sewer system improvements increase capacity to the system within the UGA, limited development has occurred recently, with only two new connections established in 2022. Lately, new connection charges have been tied more to enforcement relating to motor home sewer connections rather than new dwelling units, as discussed in further detail below.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

The County's Transportation Element (codified in CCC 31.02) outlines Level of Service standards within CCC 31.02.410 - .420, touching on intersections that influence state highways within the County. As a technical appendix, the project team modeled intersections within the Sequim UGA as a result of three location-specific rezones shown as Exhibits B

(<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25018/Amending-Title-31-Map-Sequim-Urban-Growth-Area-South>) and C

(<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25017/Amending-Title-31-Map-Sequim-Urban-Growth-Area-North>) illustrating necessary zoning changes to fully accommodate very low and extremely low income housing allocations, per the requirements of [RCW 36.70A.070\(2\)](#) and [WAC 365-196-410](#).

The technical appendix (<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25760/Appendix-L-Traffic-Projection-Volume-Map-with-Roadway-LOS>) models growth in this particular UGA, as Sequim is the only UGA experiencing notable growth and development pressure within the County necessitating further investment and intersection improvements. Conversely, areas where growth is not expected to occur - particularly the Clallam Bay/Sekiu UGA - are discussed below.

LAND USE AND HOUSING ELEMENTS – GROWTH ACCOMMODATION

As discussed above, land use changes are being proposed in the Sequim UGA to accommodate

Table 2: Clallam County 2020 to 2045 Population Growth Allocations

Jurisdiction	2020 Population (Census)	Percent Growth Allocation	Projected Growth	Projected Growth % of Jurisdiction
City of Forks	3,335	5.0%	477	14.3%
Forks UGA	1,302	0.5%	48	3.7%
City of Port Angeles	19,960	33.0%	3,150	15.8%
Port Angeles UGA	2,781	5.0%	477	17.2%
City of Sequim	8,024	31.0%	2,959	36.9%
Sequim UGA	1,577	5.0%	477	30.3%
Clallam Bay/Sekiu UGA	499	0.5%	48	9.6%
Joyce UGA	89	0.0%	-	0.0%
Carlsborg UGA	918	3.0%	286	31.2%
Unincorporated Rural	38,670	17.0%	1,623	4.2%
Total County Growth by 2045:			9,545	

projected housing growth and meet the County's housing planning obligations. By contrast, the Clallam Bay/Sekiu UGA is an example of an area absent nearby urban areas and employment centers that, as a result, projects to experience little growth over the past 20 years, accommodating less than 1 percent of the growth allocation for the County (See LCA Table 2 excerpt at left).

In addition, Clallam Bay/Sekiue experienced an average population loss of 3.41 percent between 2000 and 2020, reflecting this static demographic situation².

Even so, the proposed rezone (see link:

<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25019/Amending-Title-31-Map-Clallam-Bay-Sekiue-Urban-Growth-Area>) from the Urban Residential High (one dwelling unit per 12,500 square feet) to Urban Moderate Density (15 dwelling units per acre) allows for roughly 3,124 units of additional housing (as referenced within the LCA to demonstrate how the County is meeting its required housing allocations) within the Clallam Bay/Sekiue UGA. Further, the Sewer System Plan for Clallam Bay/Sekiue and future capacity are not an inhibitor for growth, with excess capacity ready once the Sekiue treatment plant expansion comes online. Part of this is due to ongoing discussions with the Clallam Bay Corrections Center to re-route their facility's sewer to the Sekiue treatment facility. Relating to sewer costs and addressing middle housing regulations, the proposed ordinance incorporating houses on wheels and RV uses is an example of a tool utilized more to capture rising utility costs for appurtenant RV sewer connections, more so than middle housing demand (see 11/24/25 draft: <https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24695/DCD-RV-Use-Ordinance-BE-11-24-25?bidId=>). In sum, there are many factors at play regarding past population trends and low projected growth in both jobs and housing within the Clallam Bay/Sekiue UGA that indicate growth exceeding 1 percent is unlikely.

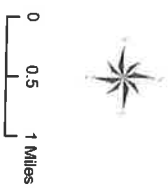
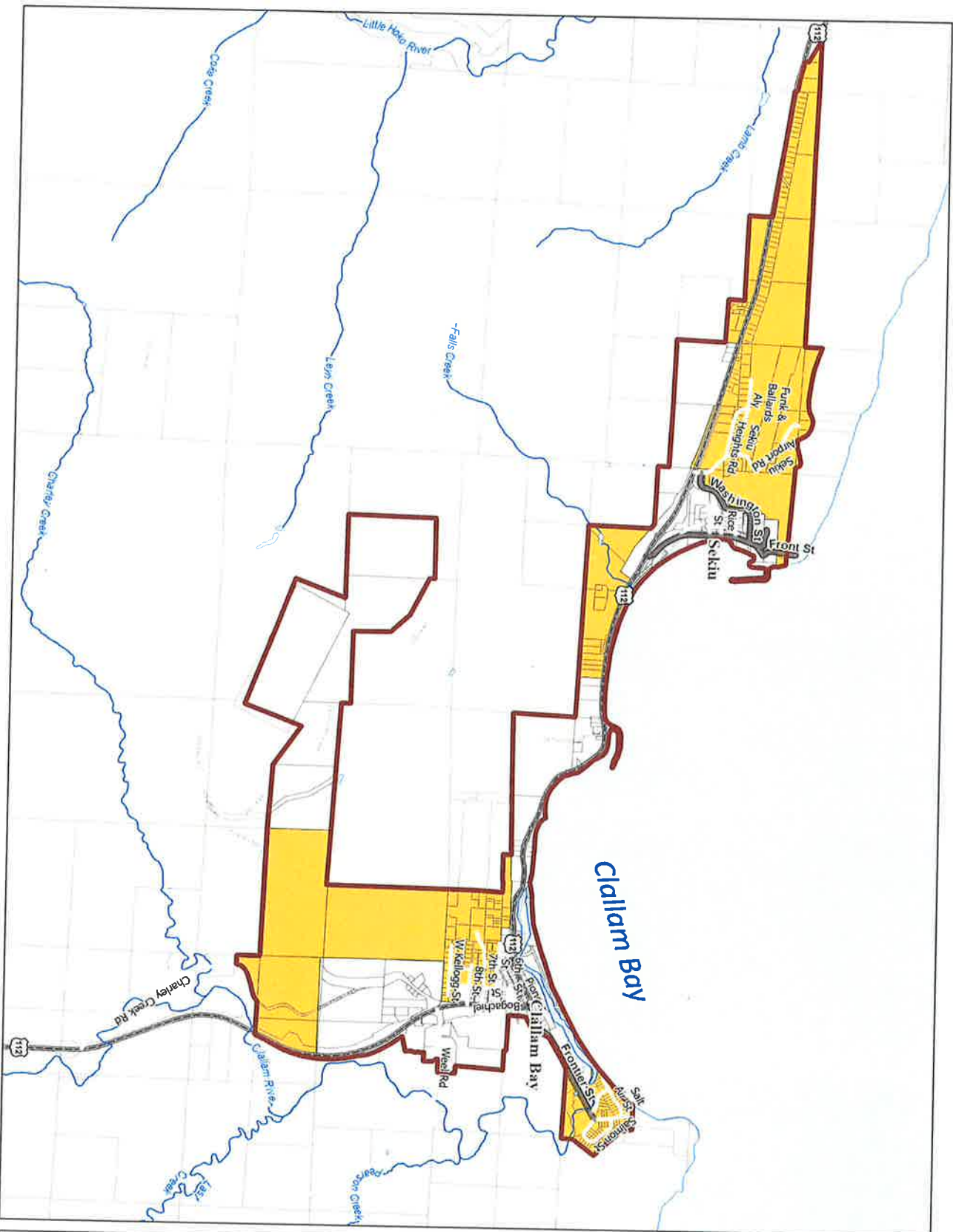
In the absence of demand and relative isolation from other urban centers, a growth of roughly 100 housing units would be on the higher end of what would be expected over the next 20 years in the Clallam Bay/Sekiue UGA even with the proposed rezone. In addition, critical areas regulations supported by the Straits Regional Clallam County Code (CCC) 31.05 Policy Worksheet anticipates retaining small town character, where a strong emphasis on environmental protection and resource-based community will continue.

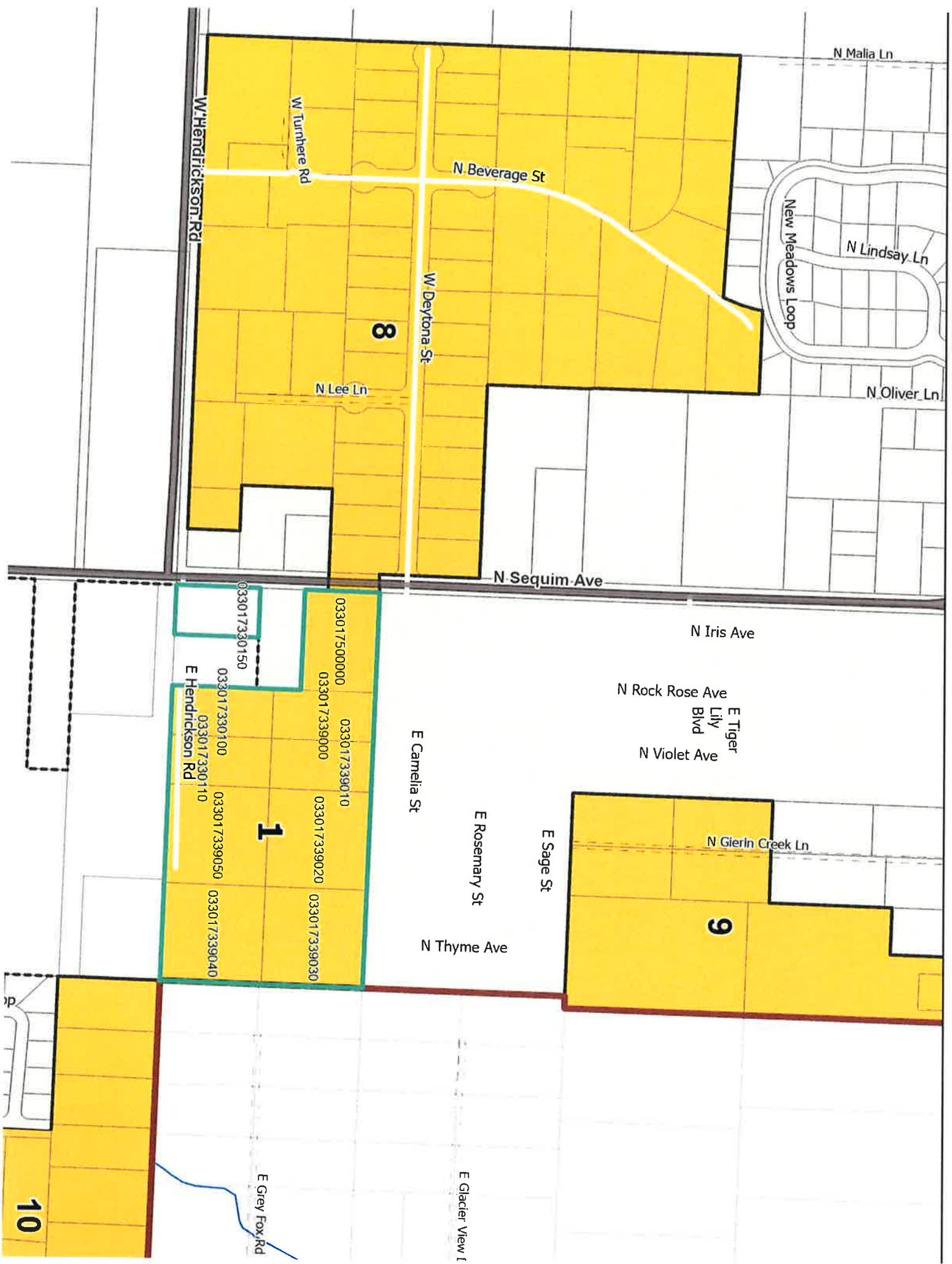
As a result of the factors discussed above, further transportation and capital facilities analysis is not required for the Clallam Bay/Sekiue UGA. The UGA's boundaries are not proposed to change, but the rezone from Urban Residential High to Urban Moderate allows a range of housing types and densities better suited to meeting the housing needs of the region's current and future households.

² Draft Chapter 31.05 CCC, Straits Regional Plan, page 10 of 82. Accessed December 2025.

Exhibit A

Amending Title 31, Generalized Zoning and Future Land Use Map - Clallam Bay/Seki Urban Growth Area - Urban Residential High (URH) to Urban Moderate Density (MD)





N Malia Ln

N Lindsay Ln

N Oliver Ln

New Meadows Loop

N Beverage St

W Daytona St

N Lee Ln

W Hendrickson Rd

W Turnhere Rd

N Sequim Ave

N Iris Ave

N Rock Rose Ave

N Violet Ave

E Tiger Lily Blvd

N Gierln Creek Ln

E Camelina St

E Rosemary St

N Thyme Ave

E Sage St

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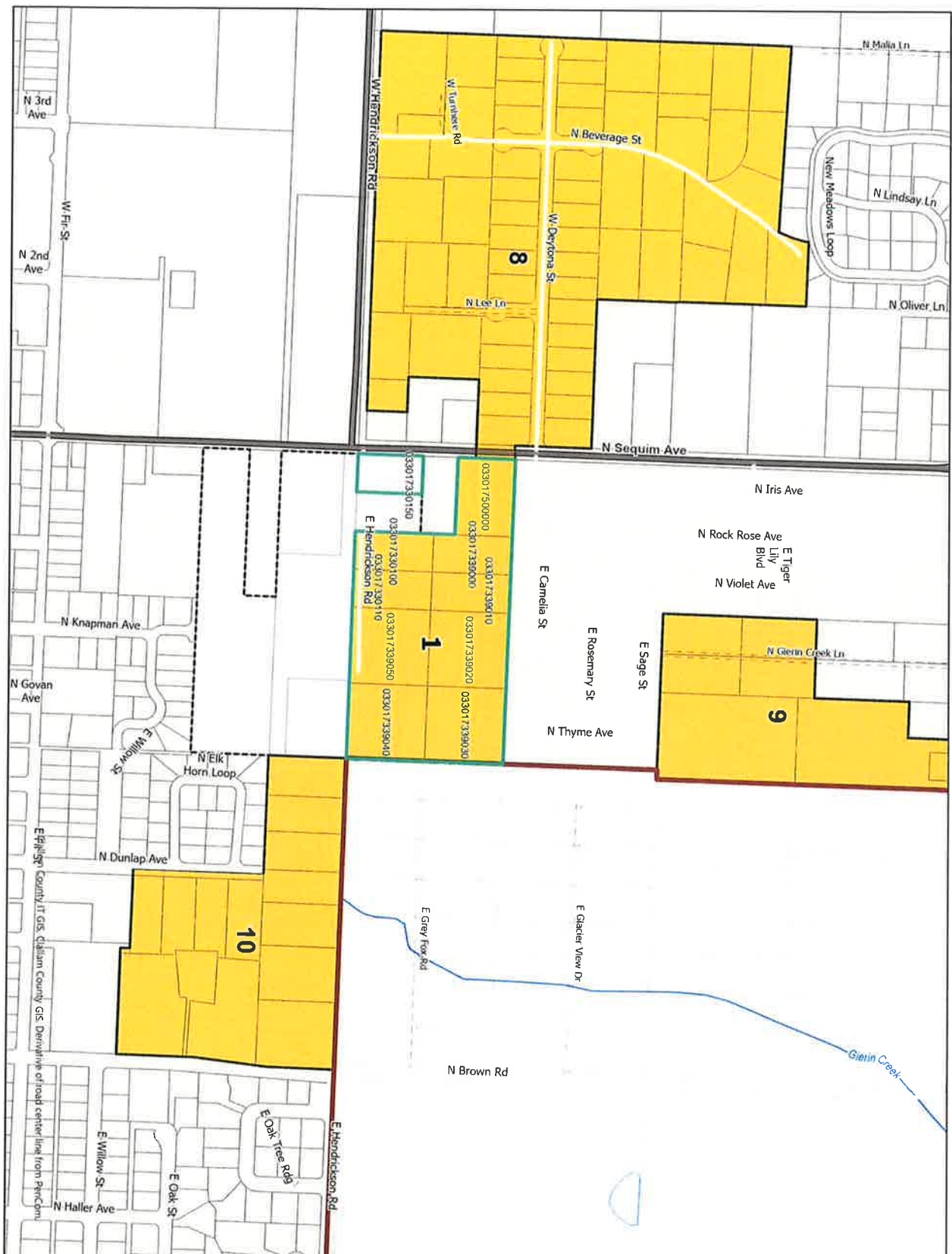
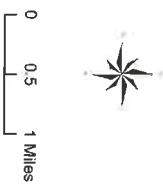


Exhibit C Reference Map

Amending Title 31, Generalized Zoning and Future Land Use Map- Sequim Urban Growth Area - 172 acres Sequim Urban Residential II (SR-II) to Sequim Urban Growth Area Urban Residential III (SR-III)

- (1) Redesignate SR-II to SR-III
- Parcels
- Zone SR-II
- Urban Growth Area
- Incorporated City of Sequim
- City Limits
- Main roads
- Other roads
- Streams



2025 ROADWAY TRAFFIC VOLUMES - CLALLAM COUNTY (SEQUIM CITY SECTION)



LEGEND

 INTERSECTIONS

Priest Road at Hendrickson Road	Existing Year ADT (2023)/ (LOS)	Future Year ADT (2045)/ (LOS)
Hendrickson Road East Leg	4876/ (LOS A)	6625/ (LOS B)
Hendrickson Road West Leg	967/ (LOS A)	1317/ (LOS A)
Priest Road South Leg	4753/ (LOS A)	6460/ (LOS B)

Sequim Avenue at Hendrickson Road	Existing Year ADT (2023)/ (LOS)	Future Year ADT (2045)/ (LOS)
Hendrickson Road East Leg	93/ (LOS A)	319/ (LOS A)
Hendrickson Road West Leg	1440/ (LOS A)	1996/ (LOS A)
Sequim Avenue North Leg	5318/ (LOS A)	7365/ (LOS B)
Sequim Avenue South Leg	6028/ (LOS B)	8487/ (LOS B)

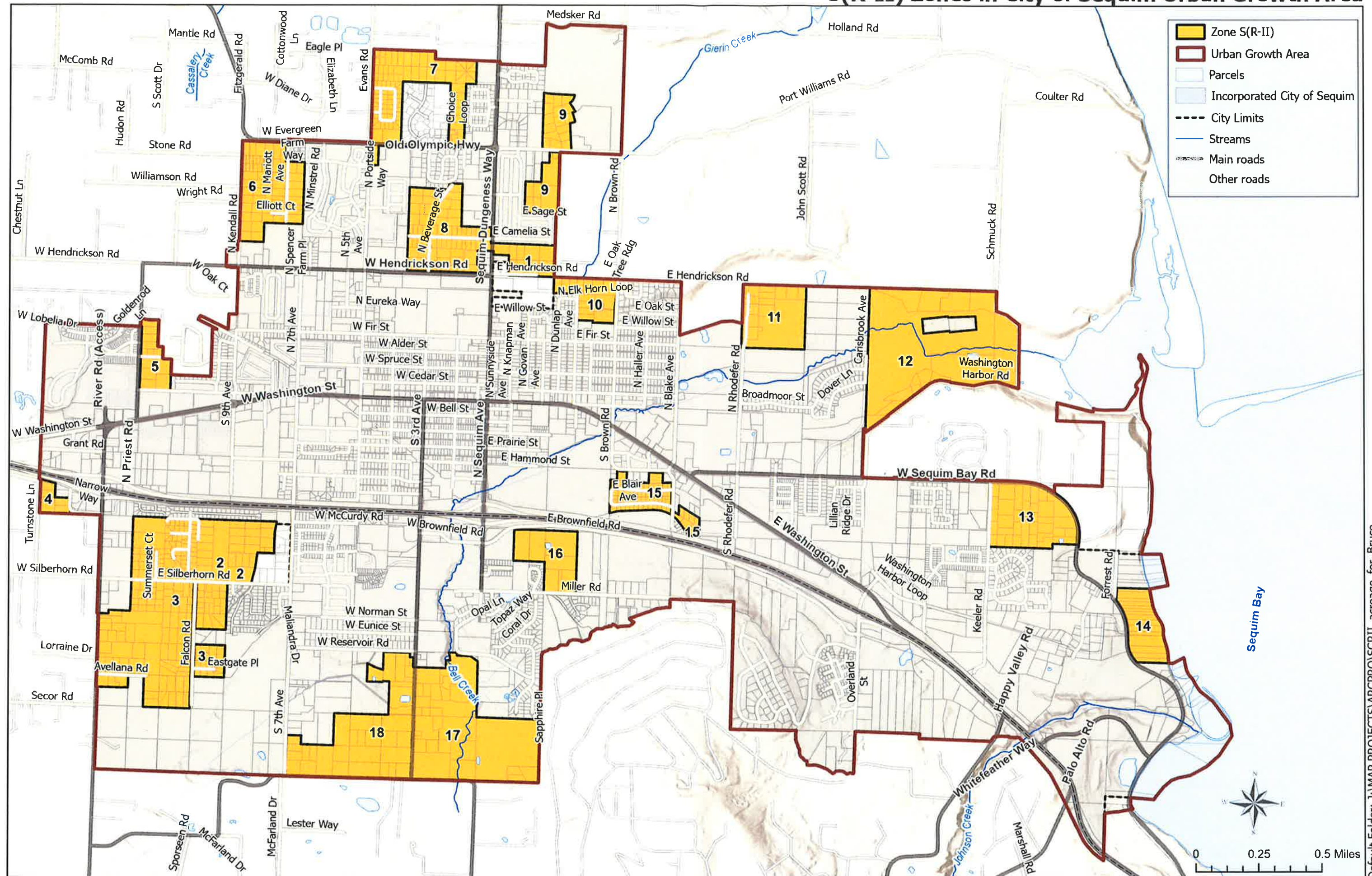
River Road at US 101 Ramps Interchange	Existing Year ADT (2023)/ (LOS)	Future Year ADT (2045)/ (LOS)
River Road North Leg	15986/ (LOS D)	22035/ (LOS D)
River Road South Leg	3436/ (LOS C)	5380/ (LOS C)

Sequim Avenue at US 101 Ramps Interchange	Existing Year ADT (2025)/ (LOS)	Future Year ADT (2045)/ (LOS)
Sequim Road North Leg	9238/ (LOS B)	12427/ (LOS B)
Sequim Road South Leg	2613/ (LOS A)	3456/ (LOS A)

River Road at Silberhorn Road	Existing Year ADT (2025)/ (LOS)	Future Year ADT (2045)/ (LOS)
Silberhorn Road East Leg	1564/ (LOS A)	2860/ (LOS A)
Silberhorn Road West Leg	648/ (LOS A)	874/ (LOS A)
River Road North Leg	3282/ (LOS A)	5041/ (LOS A)
River Road South Leg	2201/ (LOS A)	2994/ (LOS A)

7th Avenue at Silberhorn Road	Existing Year ADT (2025)/ (LOS)	Future Year ADT (2045)/ (LOS)
Silberhorn Road West Leg	1636/ (LOS A)	2952/ (LOS A)
7th Avenue North Leg	1677/ (LOS A)	3004/ (LOS A)
7th Avenue South Leg	144/ (LOS A)	195/ (LOS A)

S(R-II) Zones in City of Sequim Urban Growth Area





152 West Cedar Street
Sequim, WA 98382



Scale: 1" = 600'

WATER SYSTEM MAP

- FIRE HYDRANT
- WAT_VALVE
- CLOSED VALVE

WATER LINE

SERVICE LINE

ABANDONED WATER LINE

PROPOSED WATER LINE

BUILDINGS

PARCELS

CITY LIMITS

UGA

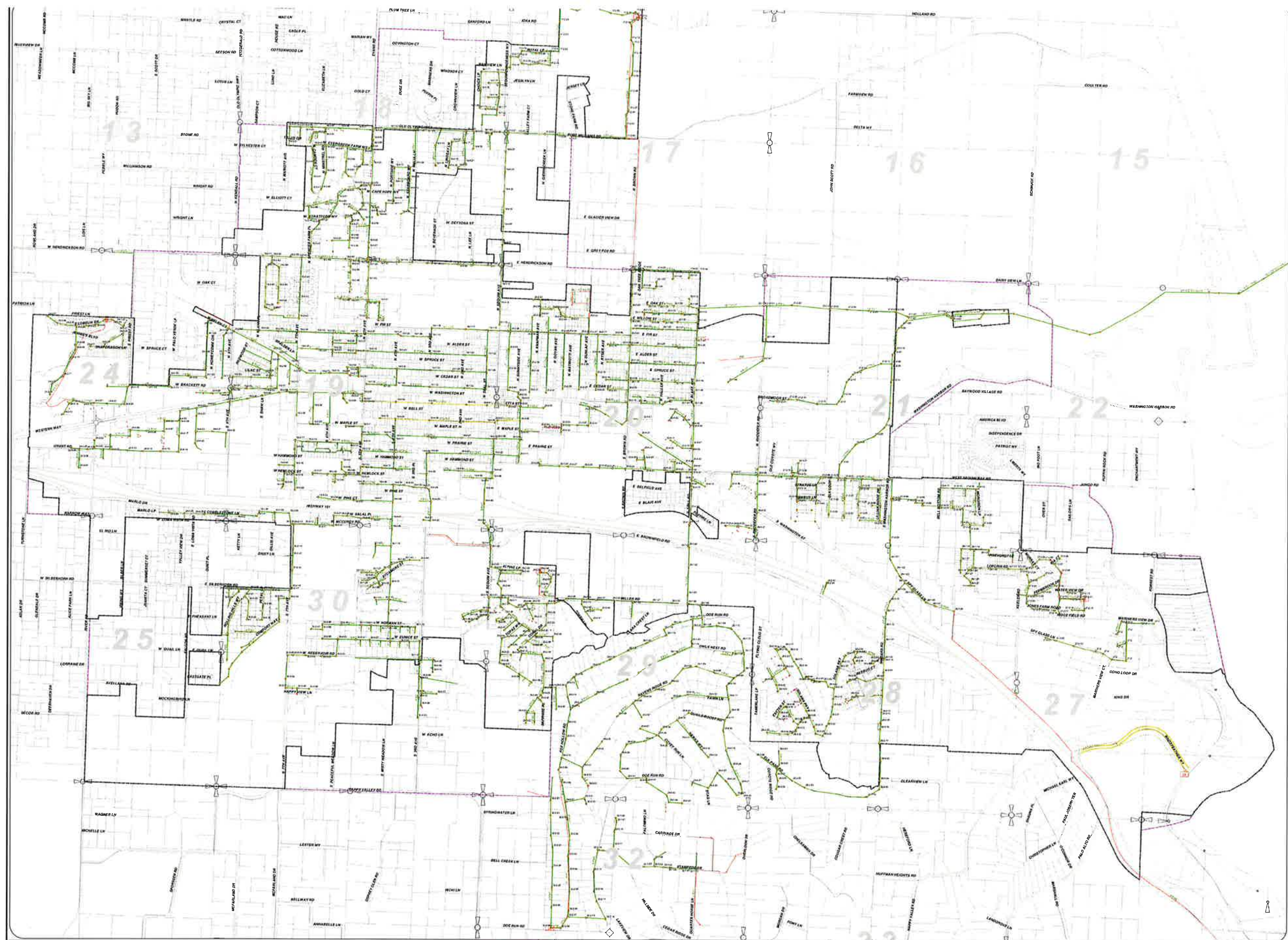
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PressureZone

- 350 ZONE
- 395 ZONE
- 480 ZONE

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Jimmycomelately Ecosystem Restoration Project background and response to Planning
Commission Public Comments

December 10, 2025

The Jimmycomelately Ecosystem Restoration Project (Jimmy Project) is one of the most successful ecosystem restoration projects in Clallam County. The Jimmy Project was a 10 year, nearly \$7 million restoration project that began in the late 1990s.

In the early 1900s farmers, builders and loggers started working the land for agriculture, development and logging. This led to straightening the creek, dredging and filling of the estuary. In 1996 a massive rainstorm flooded the creek, Old Blyn Highway and Highway 101 near the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Center. In 1999, Hood Canal Summer Chum salmon were listed as "Threatened" on the federal Endangered Species Act list. Only 7 chum returned to spawn in Jimmycomelately that same year.

The Jimmy Project included purchasing 90 acres of riparian and estuary habitat, removing two railroad bridges and remnants of an old logging yard at the mouth of the creek, adding large woody debris in the creek, replacing an undersized culvert with a bridge along the highway, riparian plantings and reconnecting the creek to its floodplain along with restoring the estuary. It also included realigning the lower ½ miles creek into one of its historical meandering configurations. Integrating this channel realignment with improvements in and restoration of the estuary functions reestablished the pre-disturbance linkage between the fluvial and tidal energy regimes. The Jimmy Project was large and complicated, involved numerous stakeholders, volunteers, and landowners.

This habitat restoration work was followed by numerous years of summer chum broodstock supplementation led by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe working closely with the WA Department of Fish & Wildlife. Broodstock supplementation is a conservation strategy which involves using hatchery programs to boost declining wild salmon populations by taking broodstock, raising juvenile salmon and releasing them into the wild in an attempt to increase natural spawning in river. It works best when done in rivers with restored habitats. As a result, where once only 7 summer chum were left in Jimmy Come Lately in 1999, now thousands of summer chum return to spawn there each year, with an average return of wild summer chum averaging 2,617 during the last 13 years. Coho and steelhead, which is also listed under the Endangered Species Act; are also found in Jimmycomelately.

Restoration Practitioners on the North Olympic Peninsula follow Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Washington State river restoration that focus on watershed-scale efforts, prioritizing floodplain reconnection, establishment of healthy riparian buffers with

native plants, removing barriers (like culverts) or setting back dikes, controlling sediment/runoff at the source, and using natural processes, involving community and tribal partnerships to restore watershed function. Key strategies include restoring complex forests, reducing impervious surfaces, and integrating restoration with land use planning like the Shoreline Management Act. The watershed-scale approach addresses the root causes of degradation in each watershed rather than just applying a “one size fits all” approach.

No two rivers are alike. Rivers differ in size and scale and have different stressors such as lack of wood, dikes which constrain floodplains, impassible culverts, and a variety of land uses and impacts from infrastructure, etc. Different segments of the same river also have unique individual stressors or limiting factors, so it is complicated. Some rivers are fed by snow melt, while others are fed by rain. Some have lost significant floodplain and large wood. Many are now impacted by increasing storms which bring high flows that wash out salmon eggs, known as redds. Therefore, healthy river tributaries and side channels where water flows more slowly are important for salmon survival. It is also important to note that during their various life cycle stages, salmon use various portions of the river. So appropriate restoration is needed throughout many North Olympic Peninsula watersheds. Fixing just one segment of the river, such as the lower portion; is typically no magic elixir.

Best available science for river restoration focuses on process-based approaches. Scientific knowledge is continually changing, requiring updating to reflect changes in understanding of watersheds and what they need. This is often referred to as adaptive management.

While Jimmycomelately was a very successful, large-scale restoration, there are numerous other large scale and smaller phased restoration projects which have also proven successful across the Olympic Peninsula, including some in the nearshore, along the Dungeness, the Elwha, the Pysht and Hoko Rivers. There are also numerous restoration practitioners, scientists, and project sponsors on the Olympic Peninsula with statewide reputations for their respected knowledge and work advancing salmon recovery.

It is important to note that several of the restoration planners involved in Jimmycomelately Estuary Restoration are still involved with spearheading needed salmon restoration on the Olympic Peninsula. One such individual is Randy Johnson Habitat Program Manager for Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe. He gave an excellent presentation to Dungeness River Management Team 10/2025 which addresses many of these issues. To hear his presentation, go to:

Dungeness River Management Team Meeting • Agendas & Minutes • CivicClerk

Presentation starts at time 43:06. Randy talks about the Jimmycomelately project and river restoration in general.

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