HOOD CANAL COUNTY–WIDE PLANNING POLICIES ASSESSMENT

The Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) will investigate its member jurisdictions’ land use regulatory programs including county-wide planning policies, critical areas ordinances, and shoreline master programs as part of its Hood Canal Community and Environmental Policy Assessment. HCCC will identify gaps or opportunities to align or improve consistency across jurisdictional boundaries to improve protection and stewardship of Hood Canal natural resources. HCCC member governments include Jefferson, Kitsap, and Mason Counties, and the Port Gamble S’Klallam and Skokomish Tribes.

An integrated approach...

The HCCC Board of Directors, comprising the land use jurisdictions around the Hood Canal watershed, seek to understand how the jurisdictions address regional goals and objectives in tandem, as described in HCCC’s Integrated Watershed Plan (IWP).

Understanding how the plans and policies align with IWP goals and strategies will inform Hood Canal jurisdictions in the development of their individual and unique policies and programs.

Outcomes

This project will lead to improved land use policies throughout Hood Canal, with greater consistency in language, process, and function regarding:

- Shoreline armoring regulations and permitting processes
- Aquatic habitat management provisions
- Wastewater management
- Forest habitat management practices

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ABOUT THE HOOD CANAL COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Hood Canal Coordinating Council is a council of governments formed in 1985 in response to water quality problems and related natural resource issues in the Hood Canal watershed. Its mission is to work with partners and communities to advance a shared regional vision to protect and recover Hood Canal’s environmental, economic, and cultural wellbeing.

IWP strategies focus on protection & restoration of Hood Canal shoreline, forests, salmon habitat, and water quality.