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# memorandum

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subject   **Mason County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update: Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report Final Draft - October 2012**

ESA is pleased to present the Final Draft Shoreline Inventory & Characterization Report for Mason County, Washington. This memo describes the issue dates and public review process of the draft versions of the Mason County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report.

During the months of May 2011 and June 2011, the Joint Technical Advisory Committee (JTAC) reviewed the first draft of the Mason County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization report. The report was revised in response to JTAC review comments and a draft report was issued in June 2011 for public review. The June 2011 report was introduced to the public at an Open House sponsored by Mason County and the Washington State Department of Ecology on July 19, 2011. Electronic copies of the report on CD were made available at the Open House and upon request by interested individuals. The report was also posted to the County's website in July 2011 at:  
[http://www.co.mason.wa.us/community\\_dev/shoreline\\_master\\_program](http://www.co.mason.wa.us/community_dev/shoreline_master_program).

The public comment period on the June 2011 report ended in October 2011. Mason County received around 240 individual comments from members of the County's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), local stakeholders and other interested citizens.

The Final Draft Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report issued on October 24, 2012 reflects revisions made in response to public comments. The Report also incorporates new data issued since release of the June 2011 Draft, includes new maps (Map 20, Maps 23-27), and adds key management issues identified by freshwater and marine reach. Specifically, new data was added on landslide hazards, channel migration zones, and restoration opportunities.

Future revisions to the Final Draft will be captured in an errata sheet. The report is considered draft until the County and the Department of Ecology adopt the updated Shoreline Master Program.

*The Mason County Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report and Map Folio (Draft and Final Draft) have been prepared by Environmental Science Associates (ESA) in partnership with Mason County, the City of Shelton, Squaxin Island Tribe, Skokomish Indian Tribe, Washington State Department of Ecology, and members of the Joint Technical Advisory Committee (JTAC). Herrera Environmental Consultants and Coastal Geologic Services are also contributing authors.*