



Experience SMP

A trip through Steilacoom's Shoreline Master Program
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**Based on an old Monty Python joke*

Steilacoom Fast Facts

- First Incorporated City in Washington -1854
- About 2 square miles in size
- Bedroom community
- Population 6,000
- Adjacent to Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- No state or federal highways
- 2.6 miles of marine shoreline on Puget Sound
- 1 mile of freshwater shoreline on Chambers Creek
- Last Shoreline Master Program - 1987



Downtown



Saltar's Point Beach Park



Sunnyside Beach Park



Trains!



Consultant

- Pick one you can work with
 - Use their technical expertise
1. Shoreline Inventory
 2. Characterization Report
 3. Mapping
 4. Cumulative Impacts Analysis
 5. Restoration Plan
 6. Explanation of no net loss of shoreline function



Department of Ecology

- Make friends with your representative
- Common goal – an approved SMP
- Listen to their suggestions
- Invite them to meetings & hearings
- Use the Shoreline Planners Toolbox and other info on DOE website
- Free proofreading and editing service



Outreach to interested parties

- List of potential interested parties in Public Participation Plan
- Mailing list of all property owners within 250 feet of the shoreline
- Email list of interested parties
- Press releases
- Town newsletter
- Website
- Reader boards
- Usual public notices as well



Citizens

- Held Visioning workshops
- Vision = Don't change anything
- Had "Forums" for the first draft
- Held Hearings for final draft
- Satisfied citizens
- Number one reason given for lack of participation:
- Nothing was going to change



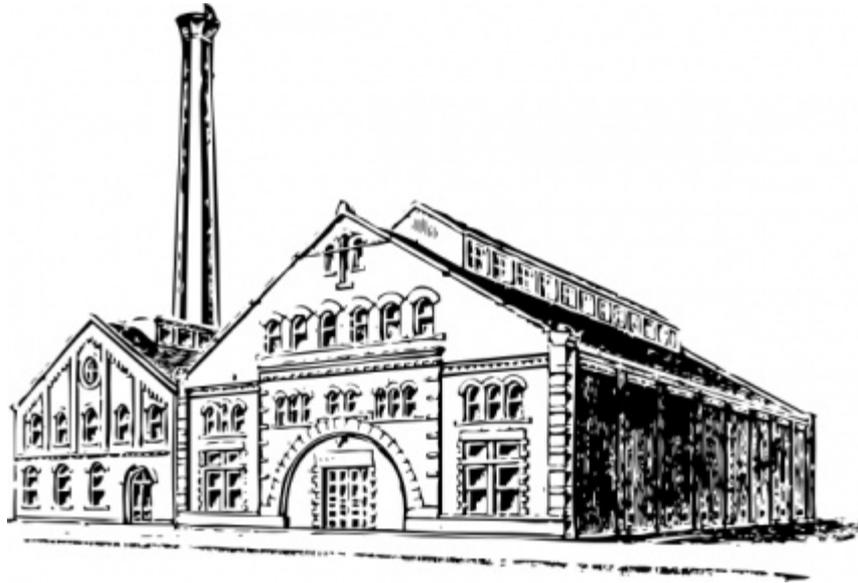
Concerns

- Most asked question: Why are you doing this?
 1. Best answer in a perfect world – required by State law
 2. Best answer for shoreline owners – to protect your property
 3. Best answer for politicians/boss – to qualify for state grants



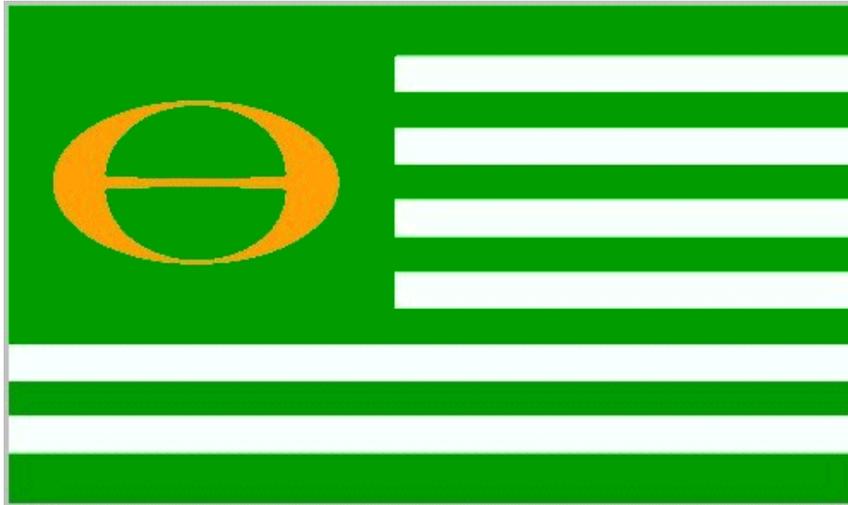
Business & Industry

- Chamber of Commerce
- Despite outreach – no interest in participation
- Marina owners – observed but not participants



Environmentalists

- Futurewise
- Commented early on aquaculture
- Silent after initial draft



The Tribes

- Puyallup
- Nisqually
- Squaxin
- Steilacoom
- Sent special notices
- No comments received



The Military

- Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Special notices sent
- No comments



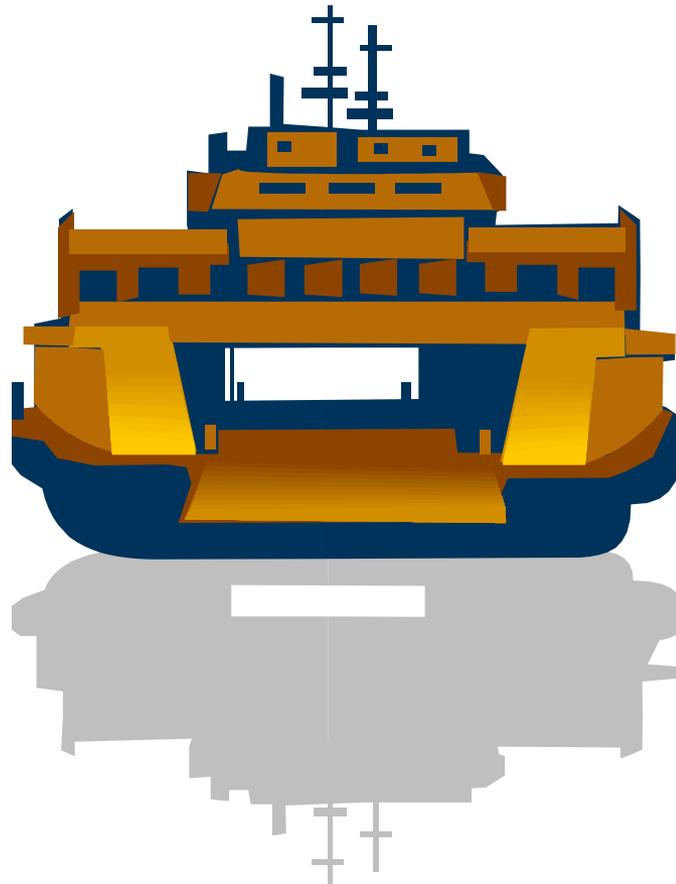
State Agencies

- Department of Corrections
- Department of Social & Health Services
- No comments from the state agencies



County Ferry

- Pierce County provided comments
- Ferry lanes
- Ticketing booth



The Railroad

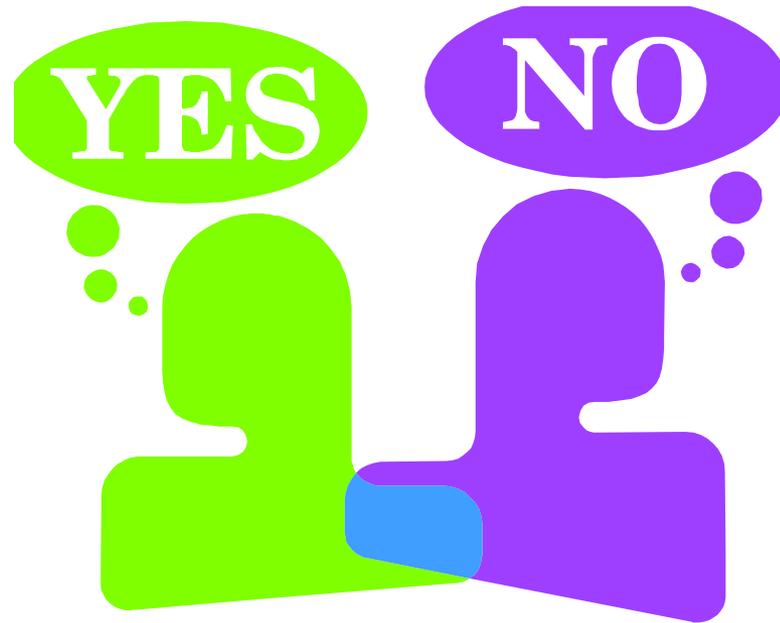
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway double track main line
- Special notices sent
- No comment received



Railroaded

- BNSF's activities concerning the use of its right-of-way for railroad purposes are not subject to state or local laws or regulations due to the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act (ICCTA). (49 U.S.C.A. §10101 et seq.)
- See *City of Auburn v. U.S.* 154 F.3d 1025, 1031 (9th Cir. 1998)

Handling Input

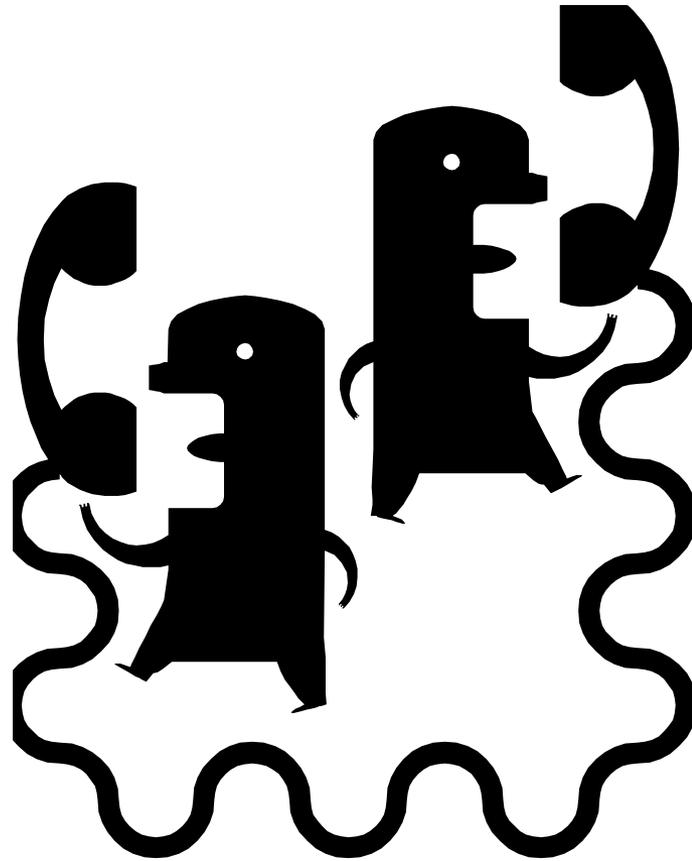


Planning Commission

- Used instead of Technical Committee
- Hosted/facilitated visioning exercises
- Hosted public forums
- Held public hearings
- Provided input on language
- Three years work: June 2009 – September 2012



Internal communications



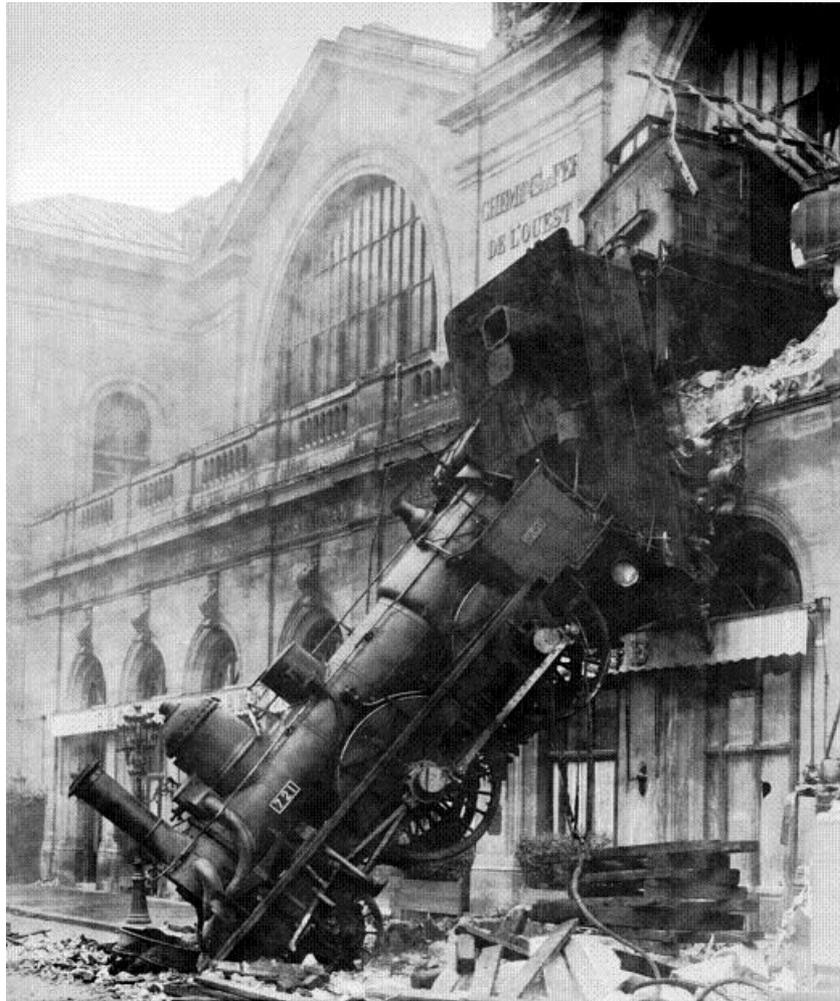
With friends like these



Who needs ... a permit?



Last minute glitches



Council Decision

- The Council held a hearing and approved a resolution
- Resolution sent to DOE for final approval
- DOE approved with minor changes
- The Council approved DOE's suggestions
- BUT –Council changed language previously approved to satisfy a late comment
- DOE graciously Ok'd the text change as a “clarification”



The End



*Thank you for your sweetly faked attention **

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**From a graduation speech given by Kurt Vonnegut*