

Public Invited to Comment on Updates to Estuarine Resources, Coastal Shorelands, and Beaches and Dunes Goals

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04.19.24 CORRECTION: Meeting time is from 10 a.m. - Noon.

For the first time in more than 40 years, Clatsop County Development will update plans regarding estuarine resources, coastal shorelands, and beaches and dunes.

The public is invited to attend a presentation and provide comment from **10 a.m. - Noon**, Saturday, April 20, at the Judge Guy Boyington Building in Astoria. Light refreshments will be served. Two additional public meetings will be scheduled in the future. [Visit ClatsopCounty.gov](https://www.clatsopcounty.gov) for more updates.

The [Clatsop County Comprehensive Plan](#) describes the long-term vision for unincorporated Clatsop County, looking ahead to set direction for the County's growth over the next 20 years. It contains common goals that guide development within the County, including in the areas of land use, environment, transportation, economic development, housing and resource use.

Clatsop County is updating three portions of the Comprehensive Plan: Estuarine Resources (Goal 16), Coastal Shorelands (Goal 17), and Beaches and Dunes (Goal 18).

The Estuarine Resources Goal 16 is focused primarily on the health and usability of the Columbia River Estuary. It contains policies and standards related to recreation, fish and wildlife, and the Federal Navigation Channel.

The Coastal Shorelands Goal 17 covers many areas next to bodies of water such as the Necanicum River, Nehalem River, and areas near Youngs River Bay. This goal has policies related to water quality, development adjacent to bodies of water, and the health of rivers for the purposes of fish species.

The Beaches and Dunes Goal 18 is concerned with sandy areas near the ocean coast. This goal has policies focused on protecting natural dunes by limiting ground disturbance and other developments.

It's been more than 40 years since these goals have been updated. It's important to have regular review of these goals using up-to-date data and maps so the public and environment can be better served.

The Boyington Building is located at 857 Commercial St. in Astoria.