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## Public Invited to Learn About Updates to Estuarine Resources, Coastal Shorelands, and Beaches and Dunes Goals

(Astoria, OR) - The public is invited to participate at an in-person presentation from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, at the Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria.

An <u>online questionnaire</u> has also been created to collect feedback related to the Comprehensive Plan update. The questions will inform County staff about the areas that will be considered during the goal update process. The questionnaire will close on **November 27**.

The <u>Clatsop County Comprehensive Plan</u> 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).

• **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.

- 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.
- **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.

Regular review of these goals using up-to-date data and maps is important so the public and environment can be better served.

Join the in-person meeting on **Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** Contact Community Development Senior Planner David Cook if you have questions or need assistance joining at <a href="mailto:dcook@clatsopcounty.gov">dcook@clatsopcounty.gov</a> or by phone at 503-325-8611.

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