

Town of Twisp Shoreline Management Act Periodic Review and Update Project 2022-2023



Methow and Twisp Rivers, Photos by Michelle Miller

Project Updates

- Please take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TwispSMP>
 - Please review the presentation: [Twisp Periodic Review 2022.pptx](#)

Overview

The Town of Twisp is proposing a periodic review and update to the Town's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Previously, the Town adopted the Okanogan SMP. The SMP is a combined planning and regulatory document that contains the Town's policies, goals, and specific land-use regulations for shorelines and consistent with the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) is intended to balance development, public access, and protection of natural resources and shoreline areas.

What is the Shoreline Management Act (SMA)?

The shorelines of the state are among the most valuable and fragile of Washington's natural resources. The SMA was enacted to protect the shorelines uses and development. The SMA is a cooperative program between the local government (Town of Twisp) and the State (Department of Ecology). Ecology acts primarily in a supportive and reviewing capacity and must approve SMPs.

What is the Shoreline Management Program (SMP)?

The SMP is a collection of regulations pertaining to shoreline protection, use, and development.

What is a Periodic Review?

The Periodic review is meant to look at what has changed in the community and in the rules and bring our SMP, from August 27, 2012, up to date. It is required every eight years, under RCW 90.58.080(4) to make sure the Town stays current and complies with the requirements of the SMA.

Where Does the SMA apply?

The SMA applies to:

- All marine waters
- Streams and rivers with greater than 20 cubic feet per second mean annual flow
- Lakes 20 acres or larger
- Upland areas called shorelands extending 200 feet landward from the edge of the water
- Wetlands and deltas connected to bodies of water
- 100 year floodplains

How Can You Participate?

The goal is to provide the public with timely information, an understanding of the process, and multiple opportunities to review and provide comments before final decisions are made. To participate, you can do any or all of the following:

- Read the documents
- Attend public meetings
- Share your ideas and comment during the public comment periods
- Give testimony at public hearings
- Fill out the [survey](#)
- Fill out questionnaires
- Attend the community meeting and provide comments




The Town of Twisp intends on schedule at least three opportunities for the public to engage and provide comments.

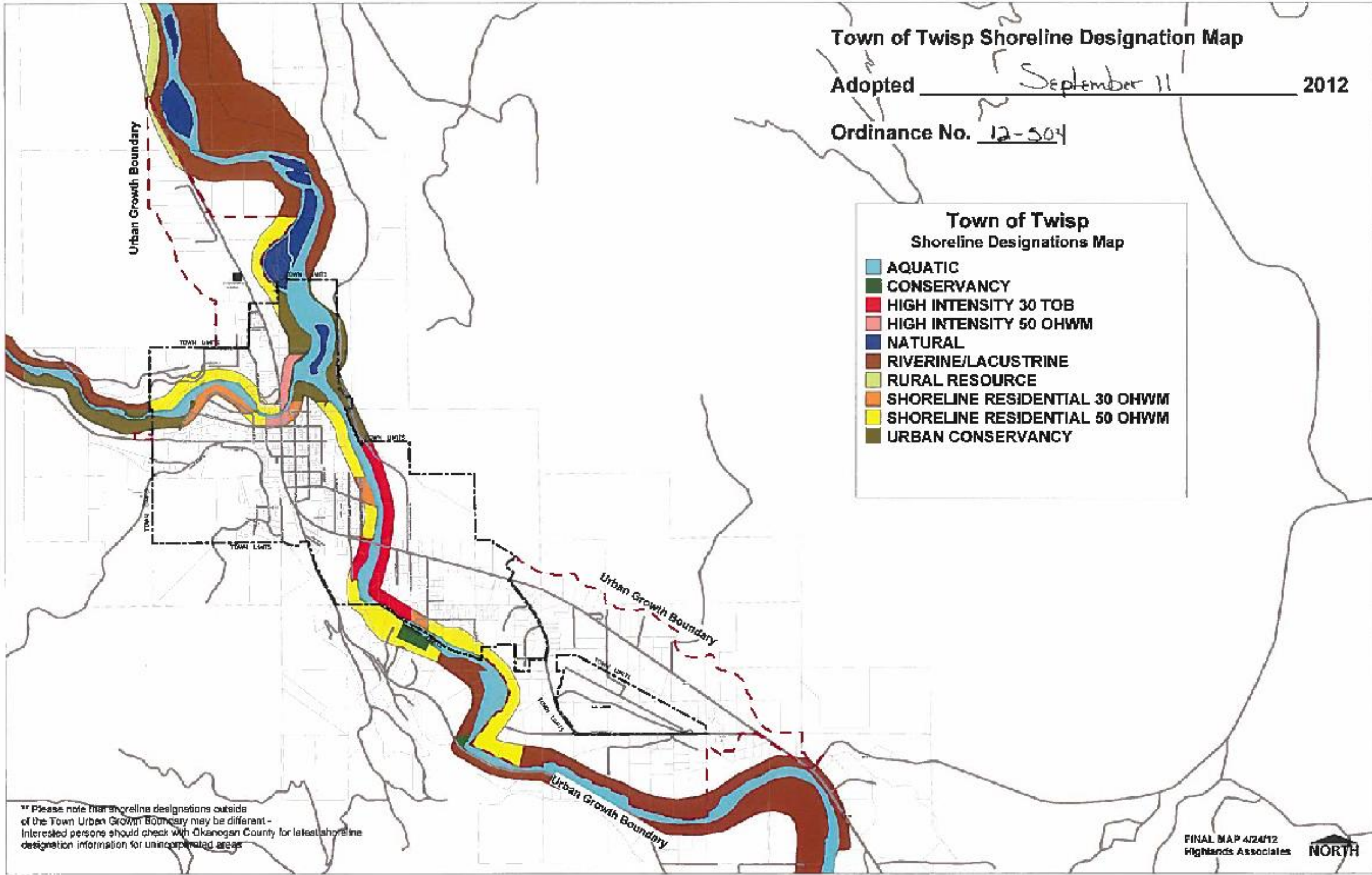
Town of Twisp Shoreline Designation Map

Adopted September 11 2012

Ordinance No. 12-504

**Town of Twisp
Shoreline Designations Map**

-  AQUATIC
-  CONSERVANCY
-  HIGH INTENSITY 30 TOB
-  HIGH INTENSITY 50 OHWM
-  NATURAL
-  RIVERINE/LACUSTRINE
-  RURAL RESOURCE
-  SHORELINE RESIDENTIAL 30 OHWM
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-  URBAN CONSERVANCY



** Please note that shoreline designations outside of the Town Urban Growth Boundary may be different - Interested persons should check with Okanogan County for latest shoreline designation information for unincorporated areas

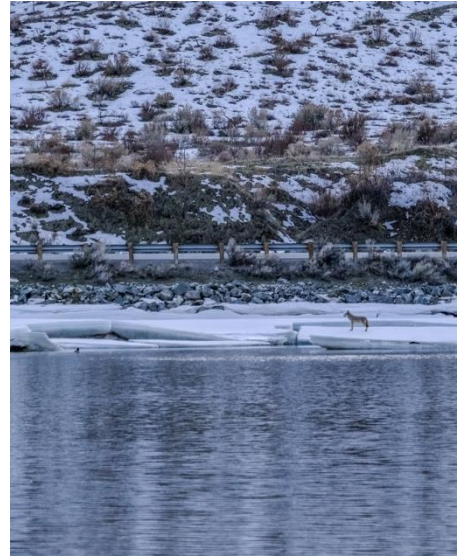
Project Steps and Milestones – March 2022 – December 2022

Town's Public Participation Schedule		
Spring 2022	Determine Scope	
Spring 2022	Develop Public Participation Plan; Circulate to Community and Stakeholders; Submit to Ecology for Approval	Comments
March, 2022	Launch Website	Comments
	PC Workshop- March 9, 2022 – Project Overview	Comments
	Survey – Online	Comments
As requested	Presentations to Community Organizations	Comments
April/June	PC Workshop- May 11, 2022 – Review inventory and characterization	Comments
July/October	PC Workshop- August 10, 2022 - Review amendments	
November 2022/January 2023	PC Public Meeting- January 11, 2023 – Review complete document, checklists and address comments	Comments
February/May 2023	PC Public Hearing- April 12, 2023 - Public Hearing on Updated SMP	Comments
May/June 2023	Town Council Review and Public Hearing – May 23, 2023	Comments
June 2023	Submitted to Ecology for Approval	

Links to Shoreline Materials

The documents and links below consist of task performed and materials produced as part of the SMP update. Ecology provides grants to communities updating the SMP. Some of the documents are required deliverables as part of the grant agreement with Ecology. Project documents will be uploaded and linked here as they are prepared:

- FAQ
- Existing Shoreline Master Program
- Public participation plan
- Survey
- Power Point
- Periodic Update Checklist
- Strike-out Shoreline Master Program
- Submittal Checklist



Wildlife Seen from Shorelines, Photos by Michelle Miller,

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