

Shoreline Policy & Regulatory Tools for Local Governments

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Overview

- What's in the Green Shores guide, and how to use it
 - Local policy & regulatory tools
- Federal, First Nations, provincial jurisdiction
 - Important considerations



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Policy and Regulatory Tools for Local Governments:

A survey of shoreline management in bylaws, plans and policies

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What's in the Green Shores document, and how to use it

- * Green Shores is an ecosystem-based approach, not a regulation-based approach
- * A combination of planning, regulatory and policy tools can be used to implement Green Shores

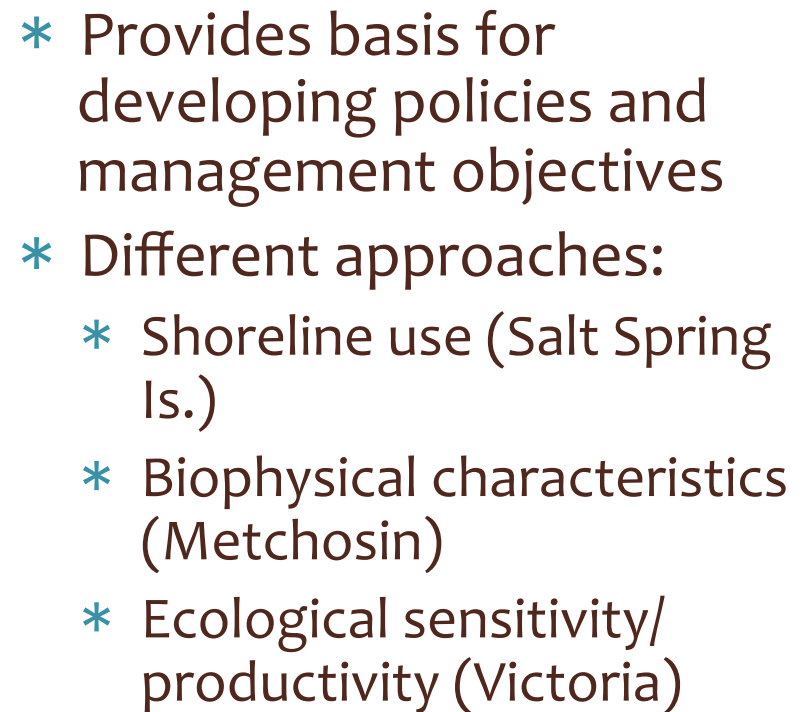




Green Shores advantages



- * Green Shores (SCBC) and partners have developed substantial, science-based content
- * Many BC examples to draw upon





Official community plans



- * Opportunity to describe shoreline objectives, in context of longer term planning
 - * Protection/remediation priorities
 - * Public access
 - * Identify studies needed
 - * Resilience (erosion, climate change)
- * “The shore zone must be recognized as a finite resource” (RD Nanaimo OCP)



OCP – climate change policies

- * “To support climate resilience in shoreline areas, opportunities to protect and restore coastal ecosystems that can buffer waterfront areas from rising sea levels and storm surge should be considered in development and redevelopment applications.” (example)





Development permit areas

- * Environment + natural hazards
 - * Protecting marine & shoreline habitat
 - * Shoreline modifications
 - * Shoreline stabilization
 - * Docks & piers
 - * Subdivision development
 - * Public access





Zoning

- * Requirements apply everywhere within a zone, no need for permitting
- * Setbacks – apply to structures, but don't protect vegetation in the setbacks
- * Reminder: can define uses out to municipal water boundary
- * Examples: Salt Spring Island, Lasqueti Island Land Use Bylaws





Recap – Green Shores guidance

- * See Appendix A of the resource for excerpts from OCPs and bylaws
- * Use a combination of planning, policy and regulation
- * Collect and use data about shorelines
- * Green Shores has done the legwork re: criteria and guidelines!



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Coastal jurisdiction



WHY WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO MANAGE OUR COASTLINE

Jurisdiction in Coastal BC



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