The following draft criteria were used to identify gaps in formal shoreline public access and recreation. Formal public access and recreation sites are those where access is specifically allowed and managed by a public agency. Identifying gaps will help to identify and prioritize public access opportunities that could be established as part of the Shoreline Master Program Public Access Plan.

Gaps include shoreline areas where there is:

1. a notable geographic absence in public access opportunities;
2. a notable absence in type of public access opportunities (visual, physical, or type of facility);
3. informal access and use of sites that confirms demand; and/or
4. population concentrated in area or otherwise known demand for access at the site.

Also considered in identifying public access gaps were existing public access plans:

— Public Boating and Fishing Access to the Cedar River (http://www.metro.wa.gov/ejb/waterways/cox/cdrr06.pdf); Washington State Parks and Recreation Park System Plan (October 2006)
— Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River Valley Phase II – River Corridor Public Use Concept (September 1997)

Data Sources:
launch, dock/pier, and swimming beaches from "WaterAccessMaster_13Jul06.prj"
park/regional trail (Greenprint) data from King County DNRP Greenprint project dataset ("Trails_GP", 04/24/06)
large privately owned timberland from ("4th_run_maj_private.shp", 04/05/06), ownership based on King County standard datasets utilized for trails ("trail", 05/02); camping and picnic sites ("park_facility", 11/06); parks ("park", 11/06); PBRS parcels ("cut_pbrs_tim.smp", 05/19/05).

— Existing Informal Access Points:
  - Natural lands informal access point - visual and/or physical
  - Park informal access point - visual and/or physical

— Proposed New Shoreline Jurisdiction:
  - King County
  - Open Water
  - SMP Jurisdiction

— Current Shoreline Jurisdiction:
  - King County
  - Open Water
  - SMP Jurisdiction

— Trail connecting to SMP Jurisdictional Area
— Trails connecting to SMP Jurisdictional Area
— Trails Outside SMP Jurisdictional Area
— Other Major Streams

— King County Boundary
— Medium-High Priority Park/Regional Trail (Greenprint)

Map E9
Shoreline Public Access Gaps and Opportunities
King County, Washington

Draft Criteria for Identifying Shoreline Public Access Gaps

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