Shorelines of the State
King County, Washington

What is included in the shoreline jurisdiction?
Shorelines of the State include all marine shorelines, lakes greater than 20 acres, and rivers and streams with 20 cubic feet per second flow points on streams (these are higher in the watershed than most current points) or floodway, essentially the 100-year floodplain, in its shoreline jurisdiction. Shorelands are defined as those areas extending landward for two hundred feet from the ordinary high water mark. Floodways and contiguous floodplain areas landward two hundred feet from such floodplains, and all associated wetlands and river deltas. King County currently includes the anti-rise floodplain essentially the 100-year floodplain, in its shoreline jurisdiction.

What is the difference between current and proposed shoreline jurisdiction?
The updated map of the shoreline jurisdiction was developed based on State direction to:
- Include all qualifying shorelines on federal lands (these were not previously included)
- Use a 1999 USGS study to identify the location of 20 cubic feet per second flow points on streams (these are higher up in the watershed than most current points)

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Current King County Shoreline Jurisdiction

- Incorporated Areas
- Tribal Lands in Unincorporated King County
- Urban Growth Boundary
- King County Boundary
- Agricultural Production District Boundary
- Other Water Bodies
- Other Major Streams
- Forest Production District

The updated map of shoreline jurisdiction is 200 ft jurisdiction includes these water bodies and shorelands.

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