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Public Invited to Comment in Person on Updates to Estuarine Resources, Coastal Shorelands, and Beaches and Dunes Goals

(Astoria, OR) — For the first time in more than 40 years, Clatsop County Development will update plans regarding estuarine resources, coastal shorelands, and beaches and dunes. The public is invited to attend a presentation and provide comment from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, September 14**, at the Knappa High School Library. Light refreshments will be served. This is the second in-person public meeting, with one final public meeting scheduled in the coming months.

The [Clatsop County Comprehensive Plan](#) 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.

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- **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.

- The Knappa School District is located at 41535 Old Highway 30, Astoria. Posted signs will direct you to the meeting located in the high school library.

For more information, visit [ClatsopCounty.gov](https://www.clatsopcounty.gov).

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