Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

From: Cathy Beam, AICP, Principal Planner, 556-2429

Date: June 9, 2011

Subject: **DEV10004, L110231, Limited Scope Shoreline Master Program Amendment**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the June 22, 2011, meeting is to introduce proposed changes and identify discussion issues related the above-referenced Limited Scope Shoreline Master Program Amendment.

BACKGROUND

Redmond is updating its Comprehensive Plan in response to City policies and Washington State Growth Management (GMA) requirements for periodic plan review. This packet contains the Natural Environment Element. Coupled with the periodic Comprehensive Plan Update is the requirement for jurisdictions to amend their floodplain policies and regulations in response to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Biological Opinion regarding endangered species that was issued in September 2008 concerning FEMA requirements. The City has been strategizing with FEMA officials to ensure Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance.

Both the Natural Environment Element and Critical Areas Ordinance are incorporated by reference into the City's Shoreline Master Program Update. As such, the City is required to file a Shoreline Master Program Amendment when these are modified. Since the City recently adopted a new Shoreline Master Program in 2009, a Limited Scope Shoreline Master Program Amendment under WAC 173-26-201 is being filed with the Department of Ecology. Ecology has criteria for when this type of amendment can be filed and the city needs to stay within the parameters of these criteria. As such, new concepts and ideas that represent a departure from current policies and practices which do not fall within the parameters of a Limited Scope Shoreline Master Program Amendment are beyond the scope of this Update and are not included because they would trigger a major Shoreline Master Program Update.

MEETING PREPARATION

Please review the Technical Committee Report and recommended amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. As you review the recommended amendments, please consider whether the updates adequately:

- Reflect Redmond's principles for sustainability, as contained in the report on the Livable Redmond event;

- Reflect changes to the Growth Management Act and regional plans since the last update in 2004;
- Reflect a planning horizon of 2030;
- Reflect Planning Commission's direction on concepts during the summer 2010; and
- Reflect work completed, changes in conditions or City Council direction since the last update in 2004

Staff invites Planning Commissioners to e-mail their suggested edits and discussion issues ahead of the meeting, to assist in preparation. Commissioners are reminded to be prepared to state their discussion issues during the meeting so it is captured on the record.

REVIEW SCHEDULE

The Planning Commission's upcoming review schedule for this item is as follows:

Study Session:	June 22
Public Hearing and Study Session:	June 29
Study Session (if needed):	July 13
Report Approval:	July 27

QUESTIONS

Please contact me at cbeam@redmond.gov or 425-556-2429 if you have any questions or comments prior to the meeting.