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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We want to know what you think of the proposals in this draft management plan; have you thought of writing a submission?

WHY WRITE A SUBMISSION?

It is an opportunity to provide information, express your opinion, perhaps suggest alternatives and have a say on how we are proposing to manage Shoalwater Islands over the next ten years.

If you prefer not to write your own submission you could make a joint submission with others.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR SUBMISSION?

All submissions will be summarised according to the topics discussed. The draft management plan will then be reviewed in the light of the submissions, according to established criteria (see overleaf for the criteria). A summary of the submissions will be published, including an indication of how the plan was or was not amended in response to the submissions, along with the final management plan. If a submission is marked CONFIDENTIAL it will not be quoted in the summary or published.

WHAT MAKES AN EFFECTIVE SUBMISSION?

To ensure your submission is as effective as possible:

- make it concise and clear
- list your points according to the subject sections (and page numbers) in the plan
- describe briefly each subject or issue you wish to discuss
- say whether you agree or disagree with any or all of the objectives, strategies or recommendations within each subject or just those of specific interest to you; clearly state your reasons (particularly if you disagree) and give sources of information where possible
- suggest alternatives to deal with any issue with which you may disagree

NB. It is as important to indicate those strategies and recommendations you agree with as it is those with which you disagree.

Each submission is important in its own right but those that give reasons for concerns, give support where appropriate and offer useful information and suggestions are most useful.

DEADLINE

Submissions are welcome for two months until **January 11**.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR SUBMISSION

Written submissions should be sent to: Executive Director
Dept of Conservation and Land Management
PO Box 104
COMO WA 6152

Attention: Manager Planning Branch

CRITERIA FOR ANALYSING PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Changes will be made to the draft management plan if submissions:

- Provide additional information on physical, biological or geographical features of relevance to management;
- Provide additional information on affected groups or on social, economic and cultural resources of relevance to management;
- Indicate a change in Government legislation, management commitment or management policy;
- Propose improved or additional strategies or recommendations for a specific concern that would better achieve management objectives; or
- Indicate omissions, or a lack of clarity in the existing strategies, recommendations, information or plan presentation.

Changes will not be made to the draft management plan if:

- There is clear support for the strategy or recommendation or change is not sought in a submission;
- Submissions make recommendations which address issues beyond the scope of the plan;
- Points made are already in the plan or are covered by existing policies;
- Existing strategies and recommendations appear to be the most practical where submissions are strongly polarised or where Department resources are limited.

These criteria may be extended if analysis of the submissions received cannot be covered by the above.

GUIDE TO THIS PLAN

The plan is divided into 7 major parts

Introduction (p1-6)
Principal Management Directions (p7-18)
Conservation (p19-44)
Recreation and Enjoyment (p45-68)
Information/Interpretation and Education (p69-74)
Research and Monitoring (p75-80)
Implementation (p81-88)

These are further divided into sections, each consisting of objectives (what we want to achieve), background (justification for making decisions) and recommendations (how we propose to achieve our objectives). Some sections also have strategies which highlight the management direction.

The summary of the management plan is essential reading and is found on pages iii to vi. Key sections to read include Policies and Goals (p11), Zoning (p15), Principal Conservation Directions (p21), Fauna (p22), Principal Recreation Directions (p47), Penguin Island (p50) and Information, Interpretation and Education (p69).