



# News Release

## CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

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### **Planning for Lake Ballinger Shoreline To Get Planning Commission Review**

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—Shoreline planning for Lake Ballinger will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at a work session September 26 and by the City Council on September 29. Both meetings are open to the public and start at 7:00 pm in the Interim City Hall Council Chambers, 6100 219<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Suite 220.

The draft plan being reviewed adds greater protection for Ballinger Island, located in Lake Ballinger. The island is owned by the city and is uninhabited except for wildlife. In the recent past, a human-caused fire burned much of the area.

Mountlake Terrace is planning for the Lake Ballinger shoreline within the city—which includes 200 feet from the lake's edge, plus related wetlands. Edmonds is planning for the portion of lakeshore within its city limits. Both cities have been coordinating plans where they have similar issues.

Cities in King and Snohomish counties must update or replace their shoreline plans by the end of the year under state law. Mountlake Terrace last updated its shoreline plan in 1993. The new plan is expected to be ready by mid-December.

Existing development is not likely to be affected by the new shoreline plan. However, the plan will make clearer the restrictions and restoration that apply if new development or other action in the shoreline is proposed.

For more information, call the Community and Economic Development Department at (425) 744-6266.

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