



The legislature declares that the interest of all of the people shall be paramount in the management of shorelines of statewide significance. The department, in adopting guidelines for shorelines of statewide significance, and local government, in developing master programs for shorelines of statewide significance, shall give preference to uses in the following order of preference which:

- 1 Recognize and protect the statewide interest over local interest**
- 2 Preserve the natural character of the shoreline**
- 3 Result in long term over short term benefit**
- 4 Protect the resources and ecology of the shoreline**
- 5 Increase public access to publicly owned areas of the shorelines**
- 6 Increase recreational opportunities for the public in the shoreline**
- 7 Provide for any other element as defined in RCW 90.58.100 deemed appropriate or necessary**

In the implementation of this policy the public's opportunity to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of natural shorelines of the state shall be preserved to the greatest extent feasible consistent with the overall best interest of the state and the people generally.