



## CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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### **Shoreline Education Event to Focus on Nearshore Assessment**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, July 21, 2010 – Members of the public will have the opportunity next week to learn more about Bainbridge Island shorelines through the next event in the City's ongoing Shoreline Education Program. Dr. Ron Thom, who leads the Coastal Assessment and Restoration group at Battelle's Marine Sciences Laboratory, will give a presentation on the Nearshore Assessment Characterization and Inventory on July 27 from 7 – 9 pm at the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Completed in 2004 by Battelle Memorial Institute, the assessment describes the physical and biological aspects of the island's shoreline and assesses their status. The assessment is intended to provide an informed basis for nearshore restoration and conservation as well as inform the City's Shoreline Management update process.

Additional upcoming events in the City's Shoreline Education Program include:

- *Shoreline Forum and Discussion of Emerging Issues*, Sept. 16, 6:30 – 9 pm. An opportunity for the public to participate in a facilitated discussion with marine professionals with specific expertise in nearshore issues. Discussion topics will be collected from public comments and questions throughout the previous events.
- Beach walks, field trips and other activities will be scheduled in August and September. Visit the SMP Update Events pages on the City's website at [www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us) for information on future events.

The Shoreline Master Program is a combination of management goals, strategies and regulations required under the State Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58). State law requires the city to update its program by December, 2011. The update is subject to the approval of the Department of Ecology. Information on the Shoreline Management Act

and on Shoreline Master Programs is available on the Department of Ecology's website at [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/st\\_guide/SMP/SMPintro.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sma/st_guide/SMP/SMPintro.html).

For more information, contact Ryan Ericson, Shoreline Planner, at 780-3719 or [pcd@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](mailto:pcd@ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us), and sign up for the 2011 Shoreline Master Plan Update ListServ by going to visit [www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us), and scrolling down to the listserv signup on the left hand side of the home page.

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