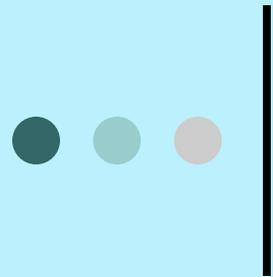


Seattle's Shorelines Today & Tomorrow

Visioning Process & Report

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Visioning Process Background

- Conducted to gather input from the general public regarding shoreline uses, concerns, and priorities for the future
- Required by grant agreement with Department of Ecology
- Feedback from the public is one piece of the SMP update process, along with technical analysis and CAC recommendations

● ● ● | Visioning Process Background

- Made up of three components:
 - Telephone survey
 - Visioning workshops
 - Web survey
- Questions for each component targeted to Shoreline Management Act goals



● ● ● | Telephone Survey

- Questionnaire focused on frequency and type of use as well as opinions on balance of uses

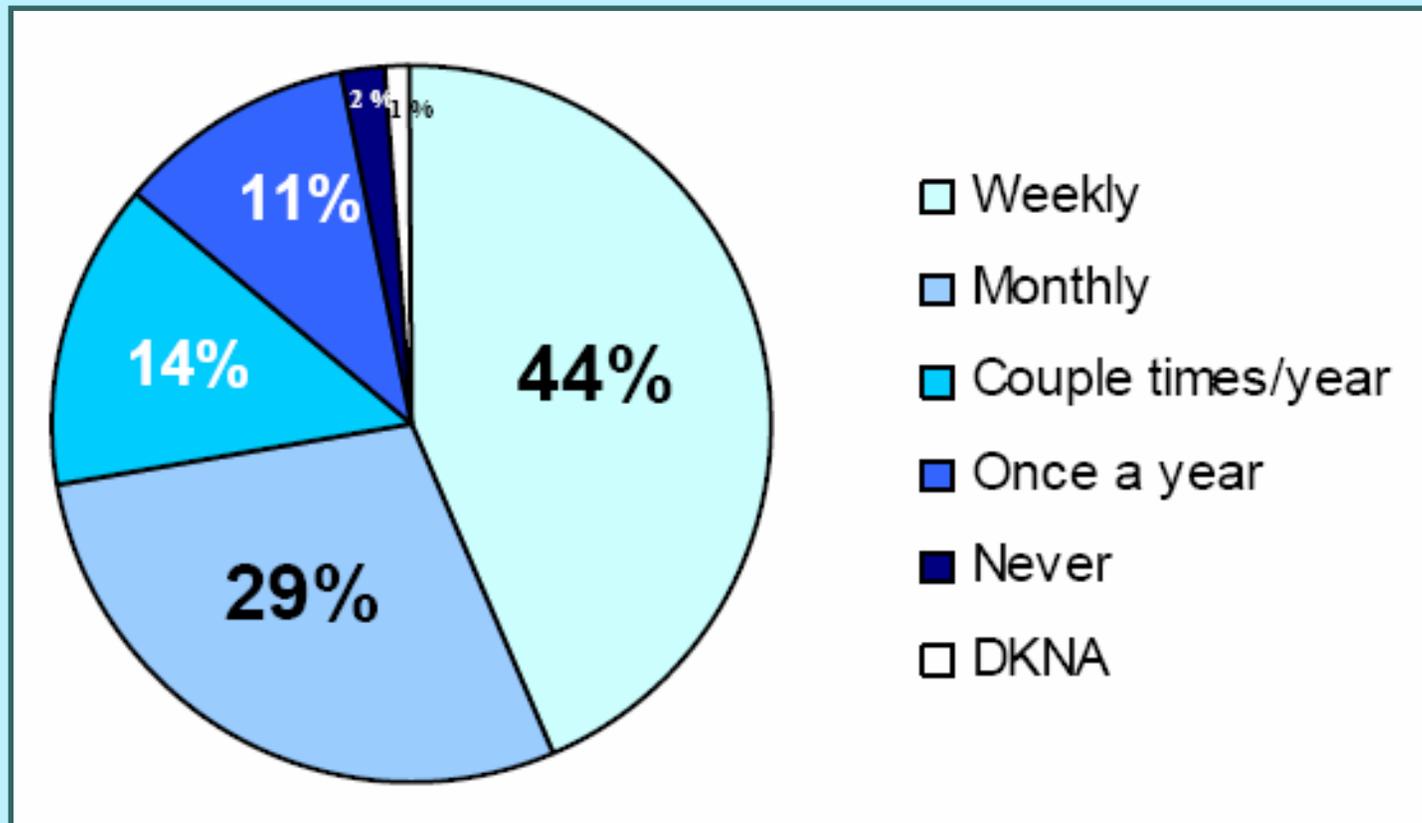


- Fielded to 400 randomly selected Seattle residents: 95% confidence interval, +/- 5% sampling error
- 8% of respondents live on waterfront property, and 4% reported working in water-dependent business



Telephone Survey Results

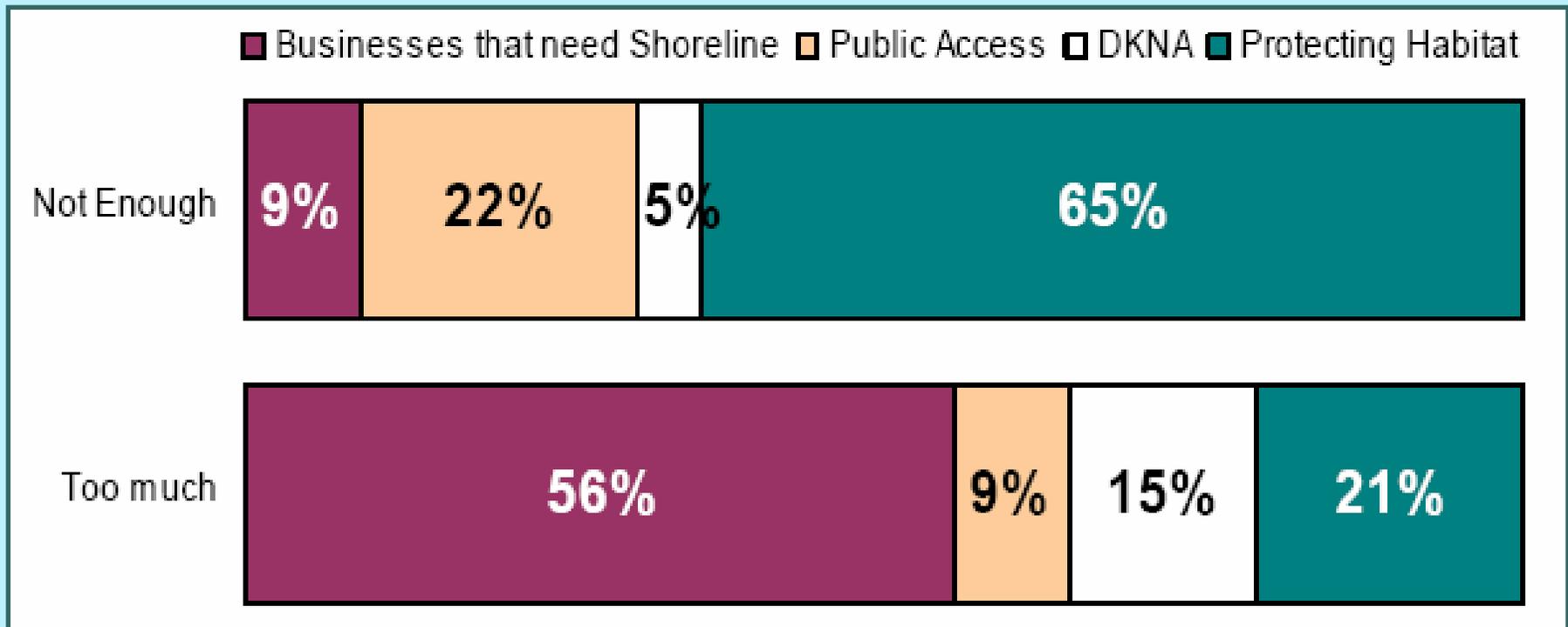
- How often do you visit Seattle shorelines?



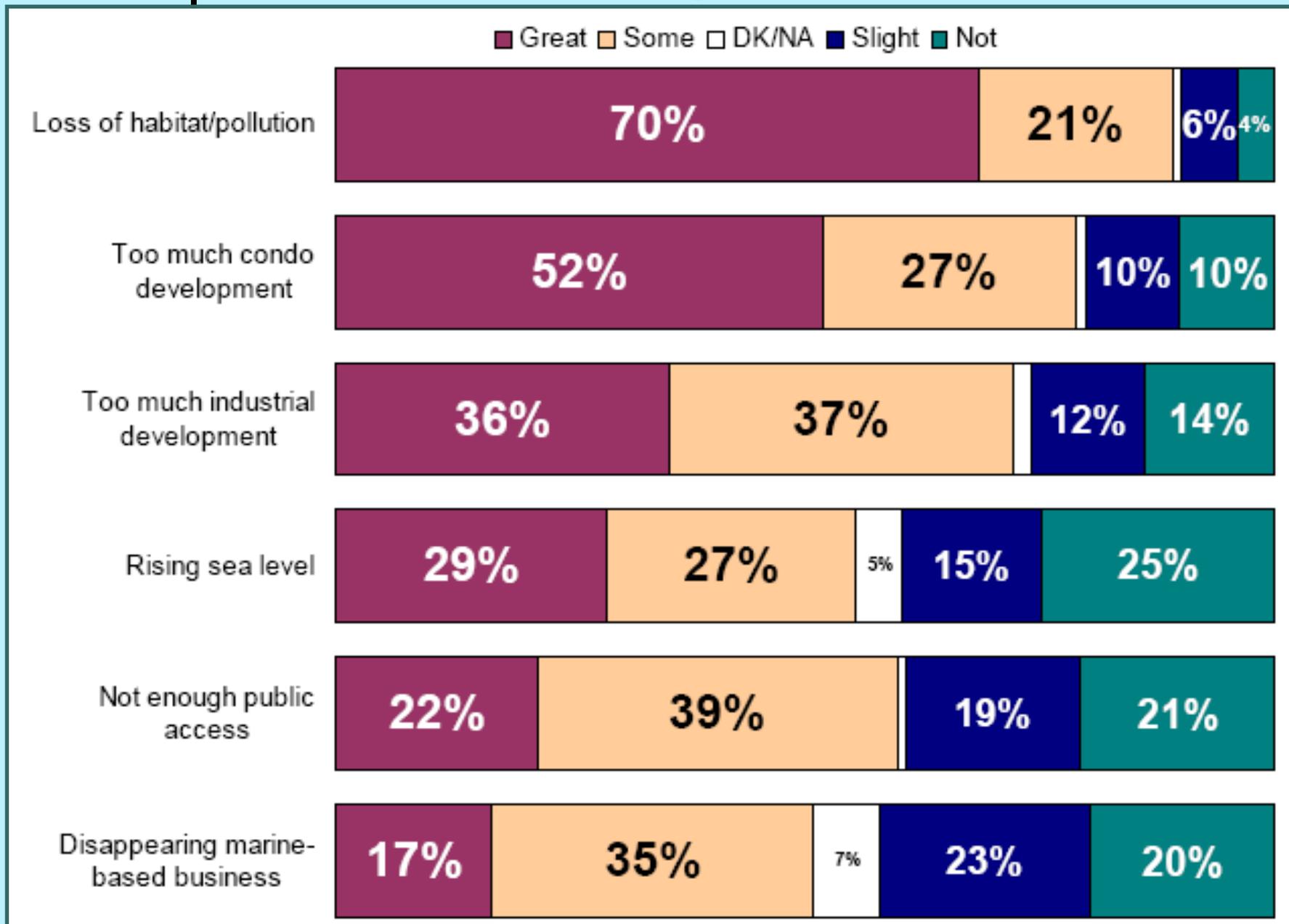


Telephone Survey: Balance

- 56% of respondents say that uses of our shorelines are unbalanced or slightly out of balance. Of this group, most felt that habitat protection is not sufficiently emphasized and that shoreline businesses are overly emphasized.



Telephone Survey: Greatest concerns



● ● ● | Visioning Workshops

- Hosted at seven locations throughout the city, 117 participants
- Each focused on a specific sub-region: North/South Puget Sound, North/South Lake Washington, the Duwamish River, Elliott Bay, Lake Union/Ship Canal
- Participants discussed the balance between public access, environmental protection, preferred shoreline uses, and a vision for the future of the sub-region's shorelines



● ● ● | Visioning Workshops

Participants were asked to identify future indicators of good shoreline management. Some of the points that came up repeatedly:

- Better maintenance and connectivity for public access
- Thriving industrial and commercial uses
- Greater recognition of Seattle's maritime history and businesses
- Preservation of views
- Growing populations of salmon, eagles, orcas, and otters
- Improved water quality





Visioning Workshops



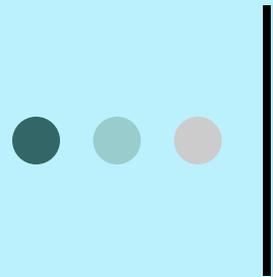
- Throughout the workshops, there was overwhelming agreement that Seattle's shorelines are irreplaceable environmental, economic, and recreational resources
- Many want to see better integration of uses - green industry that is compatible with habitat and public access



Web Survey

- As a follow-up to the visioning workshops, DPD posted workshop questions to the internet
- Low response rate, generally echoed the themes that came up in the visioning workshops





Vision Report

- Prepared by DPD and Triangle Associates, the report integrates and summarizes findings from all three parts of the visioning process
- Highlights key themes for a city-wide shoreline vision, as well as key themes for shoreline sub-regions
- Posted online for public comment and provided to the CAC before submittal to Department of Ecology
- All comments collected at the visioning workshops are available for review at the SMP update website