



Lake Whatcom Management Program Five-Year Work Plan

2025-2029 Lake Whatcom Work Plan Timeline &
Summary of Public Comments Received



September 18, 2024

Work Plan Timeline

Summer 2024

June Joint Policy Group
July Joint Policy Group
Draft for Written Public
Comment + WRAB

Winter 2024

Final Draft
Council(s) and
Commission
Adoption
Final Publication

Spring 2024

Work Planning
Direct Staff-
Leadership
discussions

April Joint Policy Group

Initial Draft Outline
Policymaker Input
Questions/Directions

September Joint Policy Group

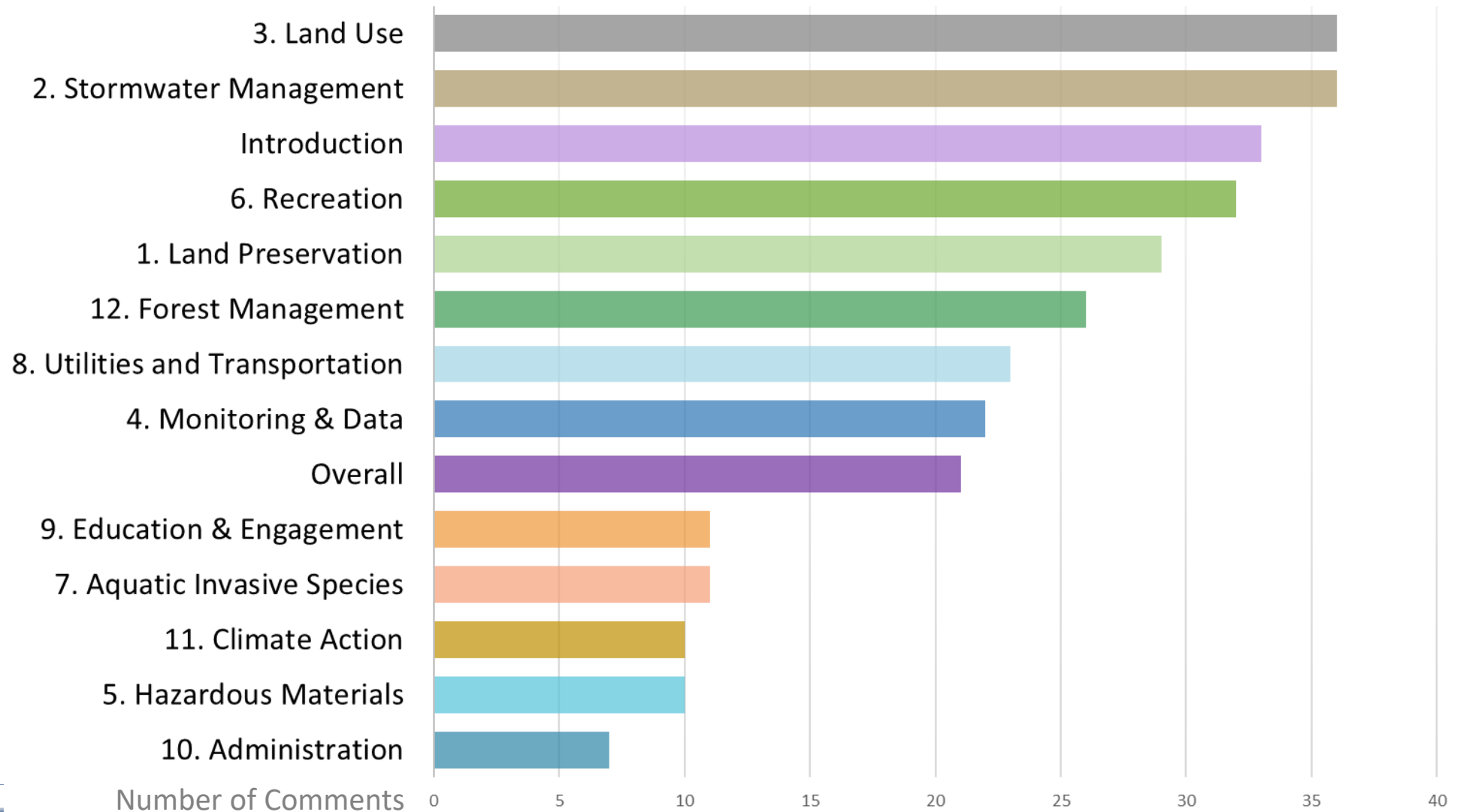
Summary of Public
Input

Public Comment Period

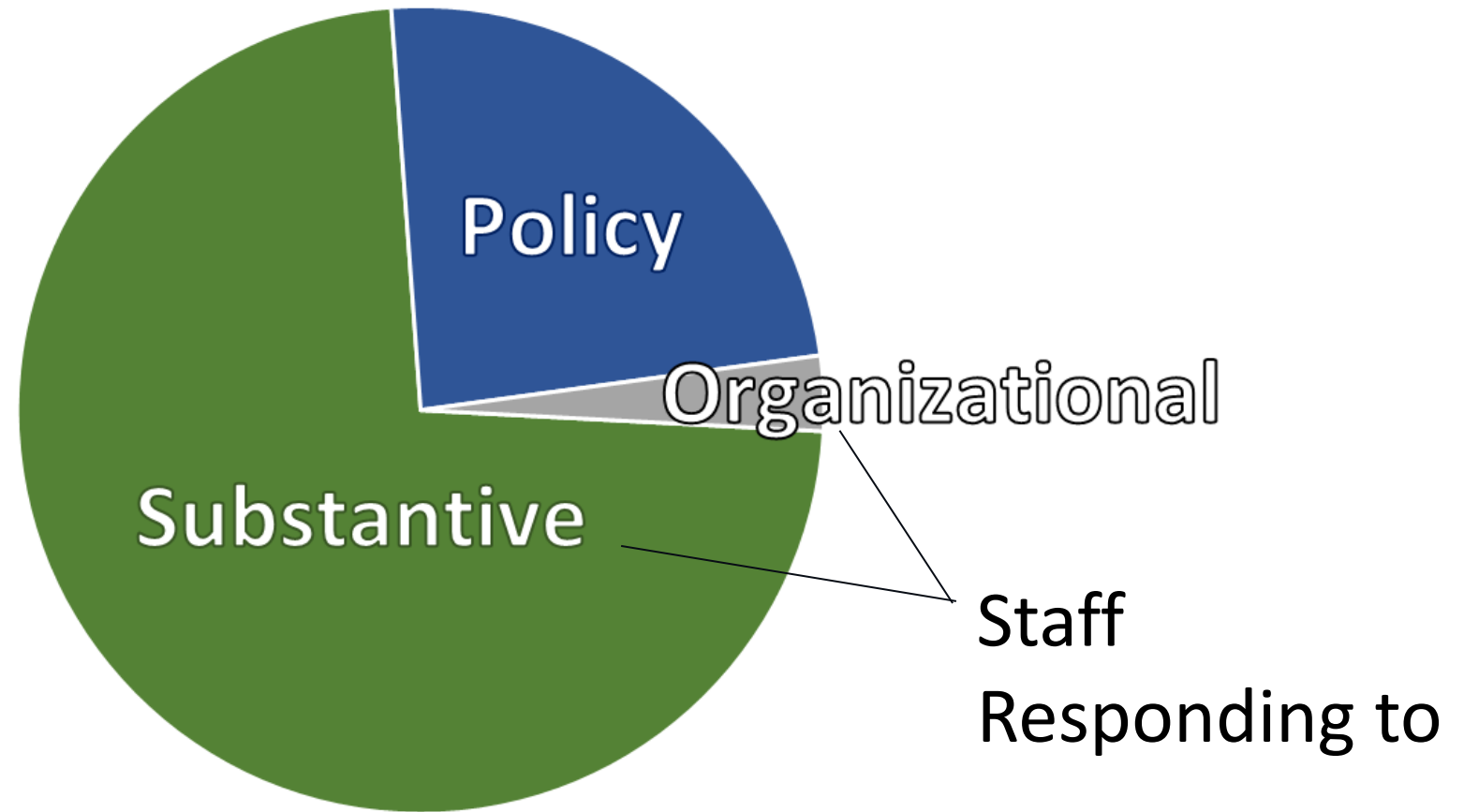
Comments Accepted **July 24-August 25**

307 Comments
from **37 Individuals** and **6 Organizations**

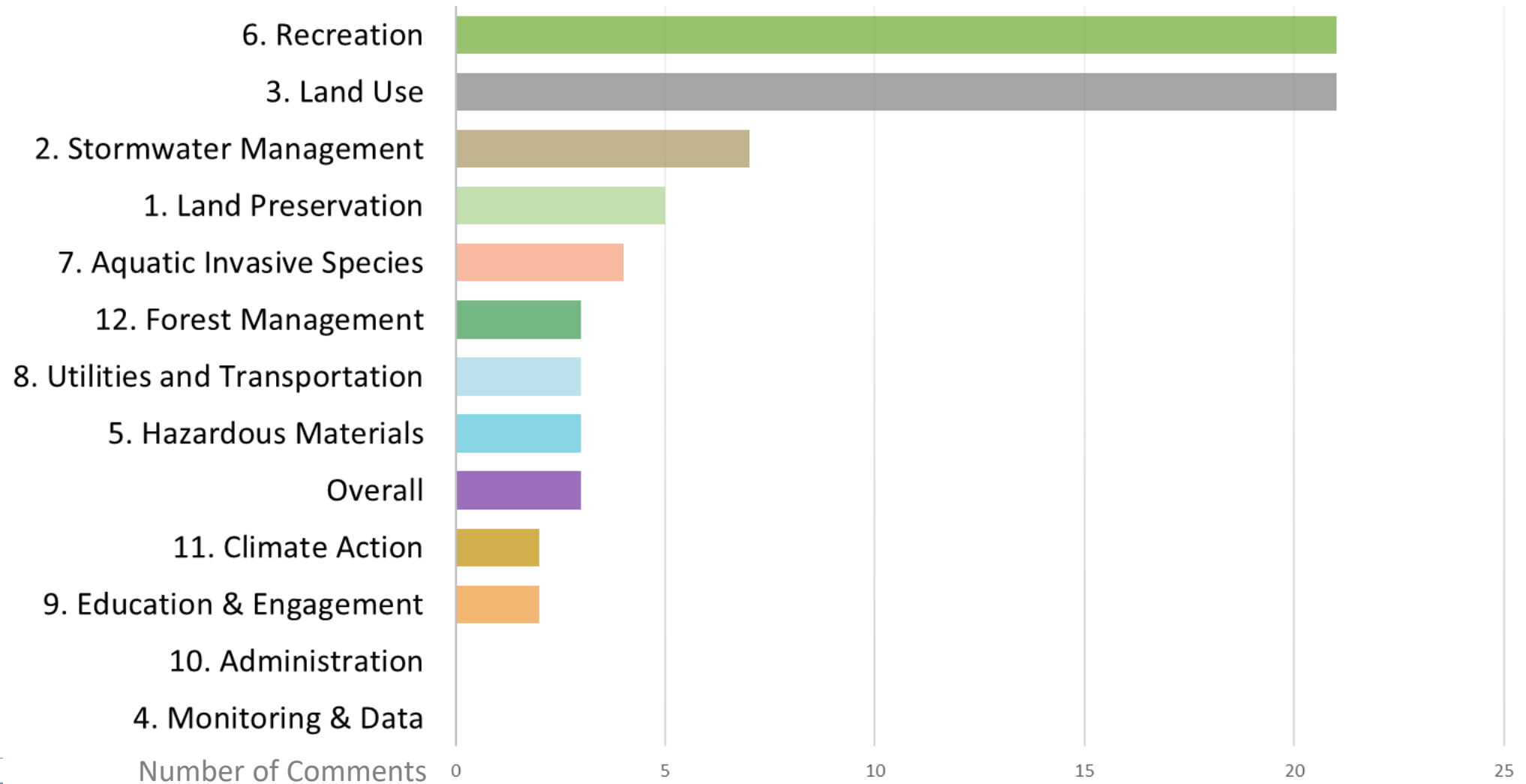
Public Comments by Program Area



Public Comments by Type



Policy Public Comments by Program Area



Common Policy Comments

Recreation

- Boats on Lake Whatcom- *16 Comments*
 - *13* - Ban gasoline boats
 - *1* - Don't ban gasoline boats
 - *2* - Ban wake boats
- No dog parks by lake and/or concern about fecal- *5 Comments*

Common Policy Comments

Land Use

- Restrict new development- *4 Comments*
- Rezone to lower density- *2 Comments*
- Improve consistency between County and City regulations- *4 Comments*
- Ban lawns- *2 Comments*

Common Policy Comments

Stormwater

- Require Residential Stormwater Solutions- *2 Comments*
- Improve consistency between County and City Regulations- *3 Comments*

Hazardous Materials

- Ban fireworks- *3 Comments*

Common Substantive Comments

Overall

- Use SMART goals (strategic, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound)
- Use adaptive management

Common Substantive Comments

Utilities & Transportation

- Increase bike lanes and pedestrian paths-
8 Comments
- Plan should mention Middle Fork diversion-
2 Comments

Common Substantive Comments

Monitoring & Data

- Use P concentration stream data to assess where to focus efforts
- Monitor all tributaries and outfalls

Common Substantive Comments

Forest Management

- More focus on wildfire prevention & response

Common Organizational Comments

Overall

- Evaluate format of goals and objectives
- Plan is short on details - add links and references throughout

Next Steps

- Now-Nov. ■ Staff revise work plan
- Now-Oct. ■ Staff respond to comments
- End Oct. ■ Staff share Public Comment Summary & Responses on LWMP webpage
- Nov. 25 ■ Staff share final revised work plan
- Dec. 4 ■ Joint Policy Group meeting