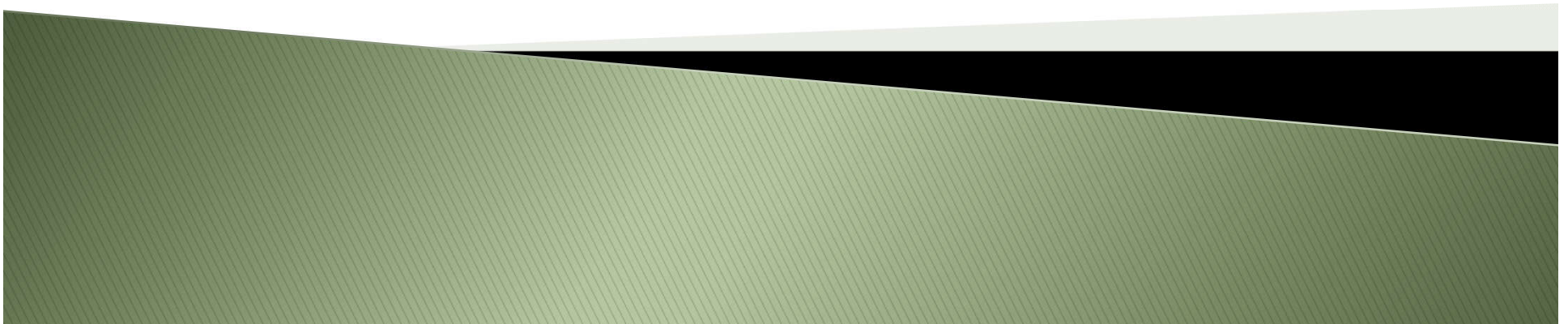


How to File Paperwork to Work on Lakefront Property

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Laws and Codes Dealing with Work in or Around the Silver Lake Shoreline

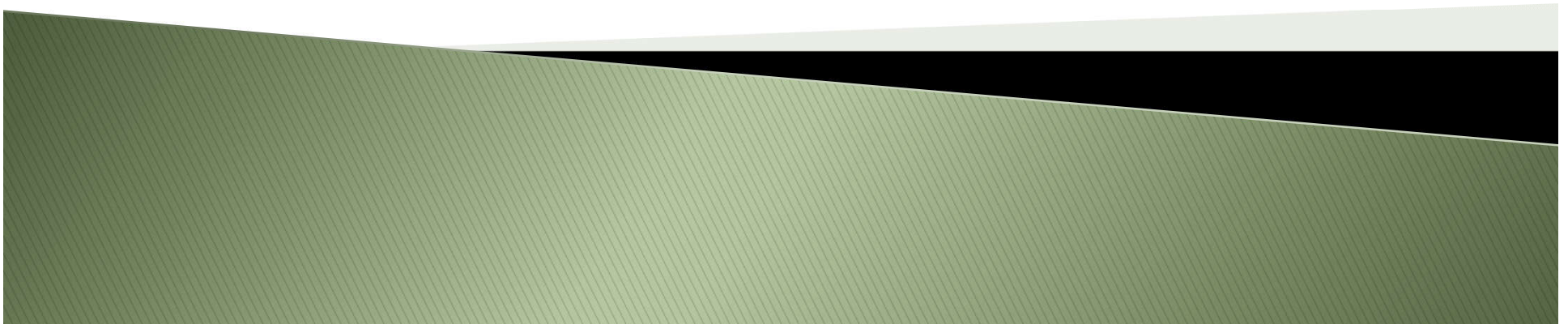
- ▶ Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA)
 - Enacted June 1, 1971 (important date to remember)
- ▶ Cowlitz County Shoreline Master Program (SMP)
 - Local Shorelines Control Document CCC 19.20
- ▶ Cowlitz County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO)
 - CCC 19.15
- ▶ State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
 - WAC 197-11
 - CCC 19.11



Hopefully we can EXEMPT your project(s) from ALL of these, but we must start by trying to meet shoreline exemption criteria...

Shoreline Exemption: What is exempt?

Exemption from Shoreline Substantial
Development Permit (SSDP) – WAC 173-27-040



Exemption Criteria (typical)

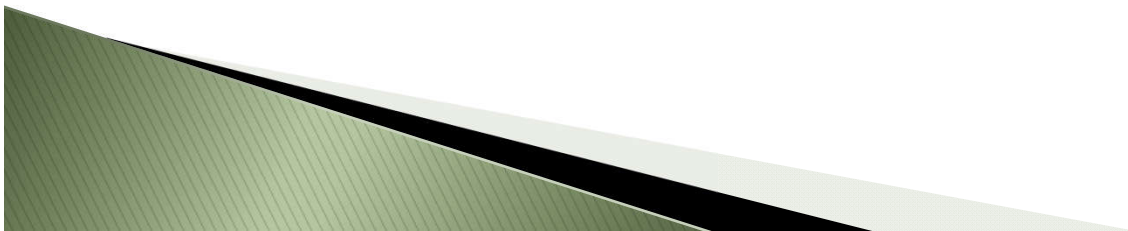
Maintenance and Repair

- ▶ "Normal maintenance" includes those usual acts to prevent a decline, lapse, or cessation from a lawfully established condition. "Normal repair" means to restore a development to a state comparable to its original condition, including but not limited to its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance, within a reasonable period after decay or partial destruction, except where repair causes substantial adverse effects to shoreline resource or environment. Replacement of a structure or development may be authorized as repair where such replacement is the common method of repair for the type of structure or development and the replacement structure or development is comparable to the original structure or development including but not limited to its size, shape, configuration, location and external appearance and the replacement does not cause substantial adverse effects to shoreline resources or environment.

If you meet this exemption, chances are you're also exempt from CAO and SEPA

Important to note!

Only those structures or uses that were constructed prior to the enactment of the SMA, or those legally established after June 1, 1971 are eligible for a maintenance and repair exemption.

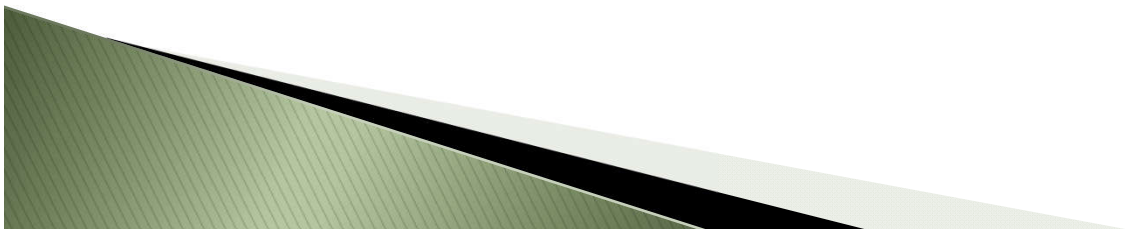


Other Possible Shoreline Exemptions

(but most likely not exempt from CAO and SEPA)

▶ Bulkhead installation

- “Construction of the normal protective bulkhead common to single-family residences. A "normal protective" bulkhead includes those structural and nonstructural developments installed at or near, and parallel to, the ordinary high water mark for the sole purpose of protecting an existing single-family residence and appurtenant structures from loss or damage by erosion...”

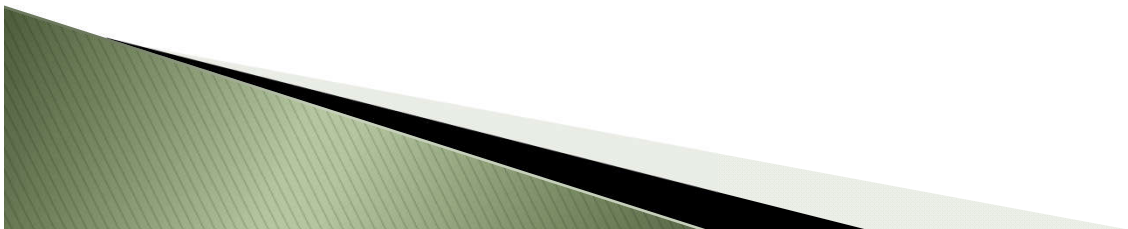


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▶ Dock installation

- “Construction of a dock, including a community dock, designed for pleasure craft only, for the private noncommercial use of the owner, lessee, or contract purchaser of single-family and multiple-family residences. A dock is a landing and moorage facility for watercraft and does not include recreational decks, storage facilities or other appurtenances. This exception applies if the fair market value of the dock does not exceed \$10,000.”

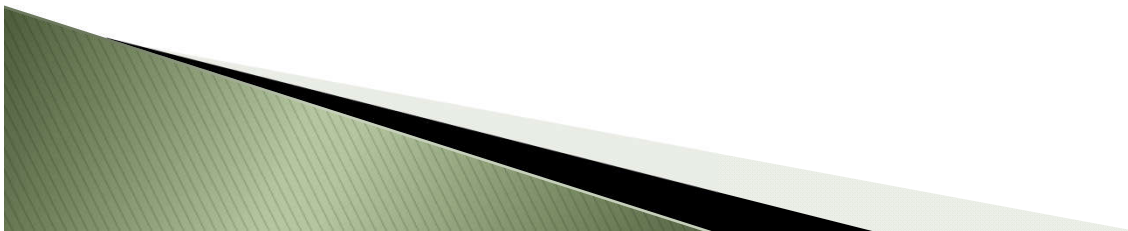


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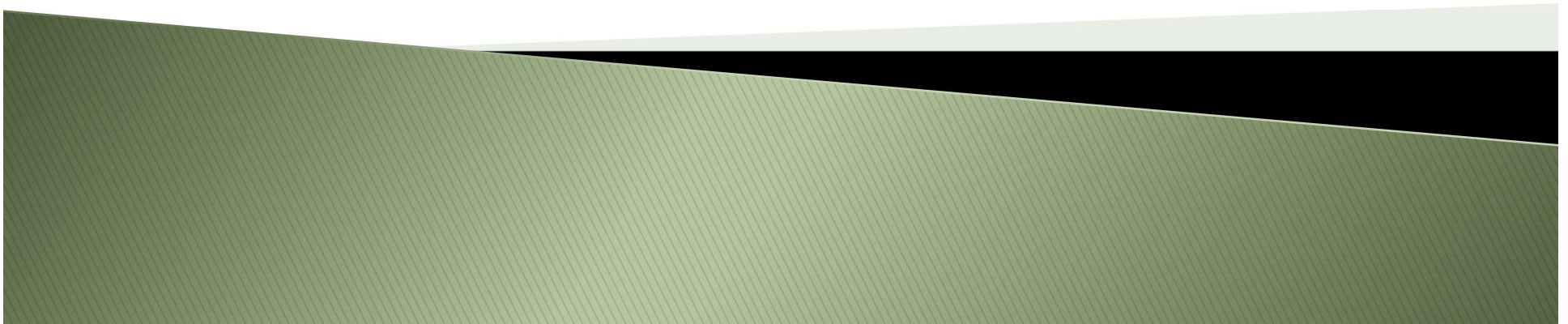
▶ Cost threshold

- “Any development of which the total cost or fair market value, whichever is higher, does not exceed \$7,047.00, if such development does not materially interfere with the normal public use of the water or shorelines of the state...”



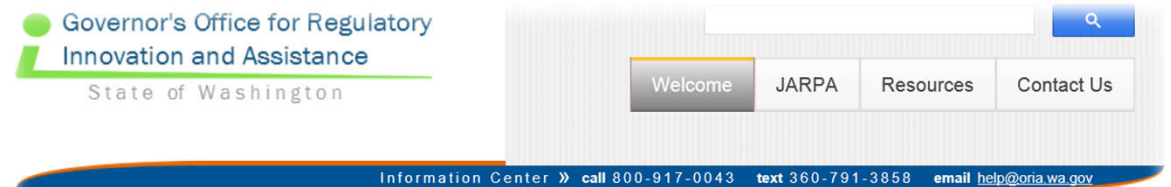
How Does One Acquire a Letter of Exemption from SSDP?

Submit Shoreline Exemption Application to:
Cowlitz County Building and Planning
Department



Exemption (with JARPA) Required Application Materials

- ▶ Proof of legal establishment
- ▶ A-1 Master Application
- ▶ JARPA (www.epermitting.wa.gov)



ePermitting - home of the JARPA

Introduction

Local, state and federal agencies work with the [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance](#) to update and maintain the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) form. Larger print, more space for answers, and help links make the form easier to use.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife accepts applications for Hydraulic Project Approvals (HPAs) through their new online Aquatic Protection Permitting System (APPS). Using APPS, you may submit and pay for your HPA application, view the status of your submitted applications, and receive HPAs issued to you. A link to APPS is available at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/>.

You may use APPS to apply for a Hydraulic Project Approval only. JARPA is still used to apply for permits from other agencies.

APPS allows applicants or authorized agents to produce a draft JARPA that includes the information they submitted in their online application. They can then complete the JARPA outside of APPS and submit it to other permitting agencies that use JARPA.

[Call Before You Dig](#) Call 811 for a FREE underground utility locate. State law requires anyone planning to dig to call 8-1-1 at least two business days before digging.

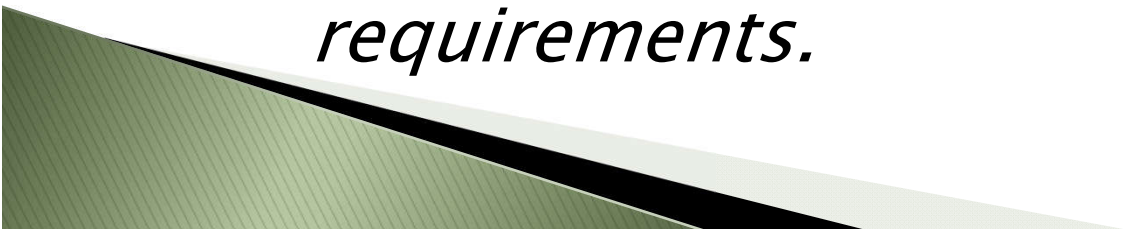
For updated mailing addresses, go to [JARPA Contacts](#).

Use JARPA

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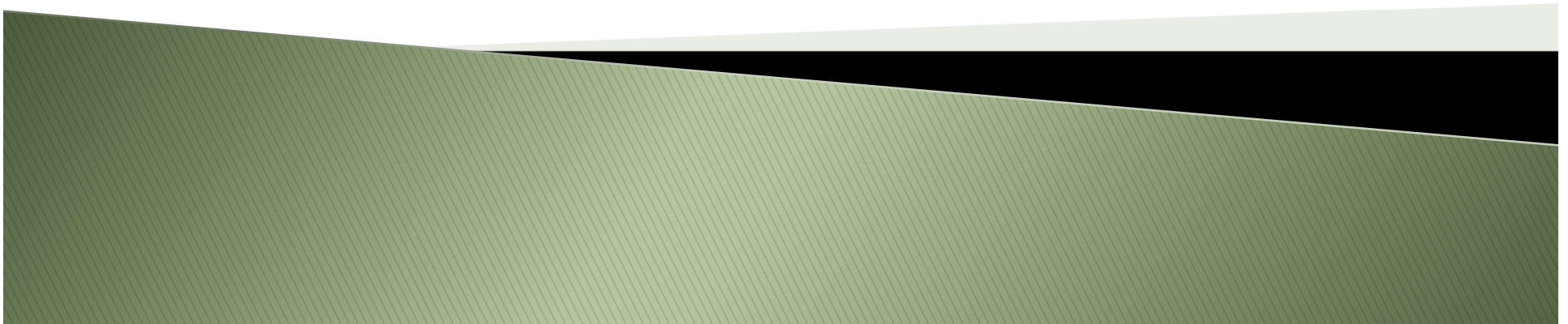
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- ▶ Project Schematics / Cross-sections
- ▶ \$625.00 fee

*Process time normally less than 2 weeks
if your project is deemed to be exempt...
Check with Building Official for permitting
requirements.*



What If You're not Exempt from SSDP?

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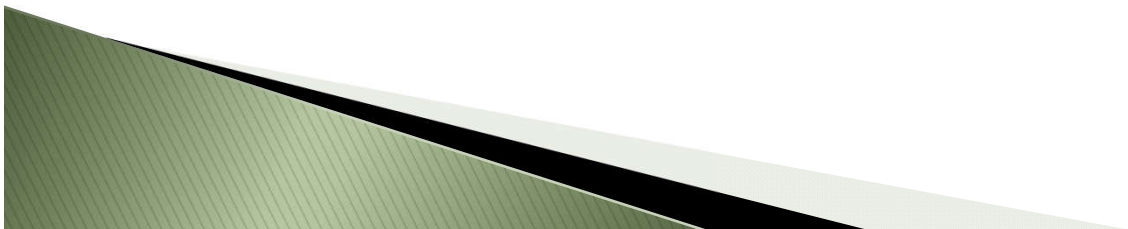


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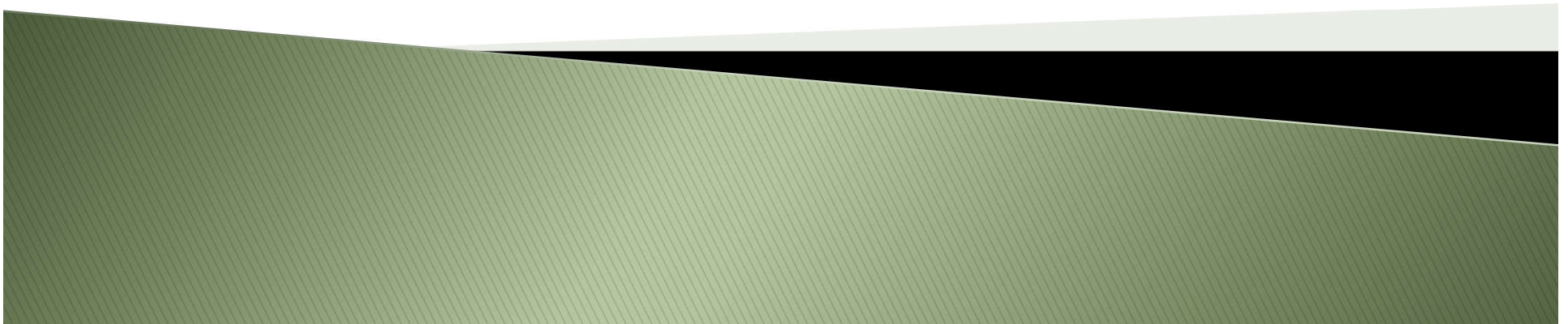
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Permits From Other Agencies

Check with WDFW, DNR and USACE

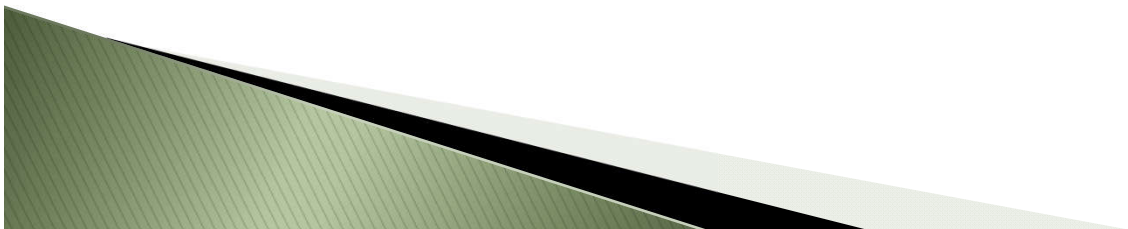


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Questions?

