

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dillingham Planning Commission
FROM: Project Team
DATE: April 22, 2026 (for April 28th, 2026 meeting)
RE: Comprehensive Plan - Plan Revisions

This memo summarizes the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing Draft suggested by the Planning Commission at its April 15, 2026 meeting.

Note: These revisions are not yet reflected in the Comprehensive Plan Draft; we are still working from the Public Hearing Draft presenting at the April 15th meeting. Based on the Commission’s decision on these (and any additional) revisions, the project team will revise the Public Hearing Draft to forward to the Council that will be labeled “Council Draft.”

Plan Revisions

Three revisions were suggested based on discussion at the April 15, 2026 Planning Commission meeting. Each is described below.

Revision 1 – Revenue Strategy

Discussion:	<i>The Commission agreed to remove Strategy 1f (the fish tax language) because Dillingham already receives a share of state fisheries taxes. They also wanted to revise the wording in Strategy 1d to move away from “explore new revenue” (which sounds like more taxes on existing things) toward language that emphasizes growing the economic base and pursuing novel or non-tax revenue tools.</i>
Revision based on PC feedback:	<p><i>Proposed revised language for Strategy 1d in Public Facilities:</i></p> <p>“Strengthen financial sustainability for public facilities and services through updated fee schedules, improved sales tax management, periodic rate studies, and exploration of new revenue tools exploration of alternative revenue strategies or leases on City property.</p> <p>Additional notes: The language “for public facilities and services” is a suggested addition since this section is specific to that topic as opposed to overall governance. Reminder: Economic Development Chapter, Themes, Goals, Strategies, and Actions emphasize diversification, job and business creation and growth, strengthening entrepreneurship and workforce capacity, and increasing City regulatory capacity to capture lost revenue streams.</p>

Revision 2 – Food Security

<p>Discussion:</p>	<p><i>The Commission discussed removing the reference to the Smokehouse Collective by name to avoid calling out one organization over others, keeping the Dillingham Farmers Market reference since it was seen as an open community space rather than a single organization, and adding “knowledge” alongside affordability and access. They also agreed to change “Traditional Food Bank” (capital T) to “subsistence and traditional foods food bank” (lowercase, descriptive) to make clear this is about locally harvested and subsistence foods.</i></p>
<p>Revision based on PC feedback:</p>	<p><i>Revised Economic Development Strategy 5d under “Potential Partner-led Actions”</i></p> <p>“Expand local markets and food distribution networks such as subsistence and traditional food banks, the Traditional Food Bank (through the Smokehouse Collective), the Dillingham Farmers Market, and other retail outlets to connect growers, harvesters, and consumers while improving affordability, access, and knowledge for all residents.”</p>

Revision 3 – Seafood Innovation Center

<p>Discussion:</p>	<p><i>The Commission was concerned about naming a single specific project in a 10-year plan, both because of the being held accountable for one project's fate and because it didn't reflect the broader range of community-led seafood development ideas already circulating (home pack plant, smokehouse processing, etc.). The consensus was to generalize the language to reference community-led, multi-organization seafood initiatives, using the Seafood Innovation Center as one example among several, so the plan supports the concept without being locked to one project name. They also agreed to invite a presentation about the project and the relevant parties for their own education at a future meeting.</i></p>
<p>Revision based on PC feedback:</p>	<p>Revised Economic Development Strategy 1h:</p> <p>“Support community-led, multi-organization initiatives to advance seafood value, processing, and year-round economic sustainability - such as the Seafood Innovation Center, a home pack plant, and other collaborative seafood development projects - by exploring location, land ownership, partnership opportunities, energy requirements, funding sources, and community impact.”</p> <p><i>(Previous language for context: “Continue pursuing Seafood Innovation Center Feasibility Project to look at location, land ownership, partnership opportunities, energy requirements, funding sources, and impact.”)</i></p>