

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, July 7, 1992

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9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick,
Director.

- 1) Discussion - Coastal Zone Management Grant.
- 2) Urban Growth Areas.
- 3) Code Enforcement Activity Report.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 1992 with Commissioners Robinson and Wylie present. Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTT KIRKPATRICK, DIRECTOR.

1) Discussion - Coastal Zone Management Grant.

Oscar Graham, Senior Planner, addressed the Board. Mr. Graham stated that the Planning Department had been working in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) on a Coastal Zone Management Grant. The Grant period was from July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. The tasks addressed through the grant were a coastal zone disaster mitigation study, and an amendment to the Skagit County Shoreline Management Master Program Aquaculture provisions.

Mr. Graham stated that coastal erosion and slope failure has been taken for granted which was emphasized in the storms last year. There is almost complete build out in the coastal zone, people like and want to be living on the coast. The lands adjacent to the coastal lands are also being built on which affects the coastal area and shoreline.

Mr. Graham presented a copy of the report that resulted from the project.

Mr. Graham stated that aquaculture is an important part of marine heritage. Salmon and Seaweed farms are being challenged by residents and Shoreline Management. The Citizen's Advisory Committee after 14 meetings has agreed on policies regarding aquaculture and will begin to review and have Planning Commission meetings soon. Mr. Graham stated that Zoe Pfahl had assisted throughout the Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings and provided support staff function throughout.

Mr. Graham presented photographs of Samish Island showing coastline, tide flats and oyster tracts. Mr. Graham stated that there are new structures being used for shellfish farming called long line. PVC pipe with polypropylene between keeps the oyster culture off the bottom allowing circulation and almost 100% survival. Clams are being moved to clean waters for flushing then can be marketed. Mr. Graham said that Blau Oyster Co. and Taylor United are using long lines for oyster farming. Both businesses have been cooperative in the shoreline permitting process.

Zoe Pfahl presented a display showing the coastal process on Samish Island. On the southern side of the island development is set back 100 to 300 feet from the shoreline due to growth and embankment. Sediment is created from eroding bluffs. The northern side of the island is almost opposite. There is development on the western end and more applications for bulkhead exemptions are coming in due to others already existing.

Ms. Pfahl stated that Mike Johnson, Frontier Industries, constructs a lot of the bulk heads and is aware of the problems they create on the coastline. He has spoken with Mr. Graham regarding other requests for business. Samish Island has the most densely developed shoreline in Skagit County.

Mr. Graham stated that he spent a lot of time on the Shorelines Management Grant and feels that he will be a better Shoreline Manager for it.

2) Urban Growth Areas.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented an update to the Board regarding Urban Growth Areas in the County.

3) Code Enforcement Activity Report.

The Code Enforcement Activity Report and Biannual Report were presented to the Board by Tim Hoffman, Code Compliance Officer.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) Jon Aarstad, Parks, Recreation, and Fair Director, presented an easement agreement for signature to the Board which conveys and quit claims to Skagit County an easement as follows including any interest which the Grantor, Robert L. Mumford, may hereafter acquire:


A non-exclusive easement over and across the West 30 feet for the following described property:

All that portion of Burlington Northern Railroad company's 100 foot wide Clear Lake to Sedro-Woolley Branch Line, now discontinued, being 50 feet wide on each side of the main track center line as originally located and constructed upon, over and across Government Lot 4, Section 25, Township 35 North, Range 4 East, W.M. near Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County, Washington, lying between two lines drawn perpendicular to said main track centerline and being, respectively, at the South Line of said Section 25 and 1117.4 feet northerly as measured along said main track line from the South line of Section 25.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings.

Chairman Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

ATTEST:

Connie Carter
Connie Carter, Clerk of the Board

Robby Robinson
Robby Robinson, Chairman
Ruth Wylie
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner
W. W. Vaux
W. W. Vaux, Commissioner