

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, December 29, 1992

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning and Community Development - Dave Hough, Acting Director.

- 1) Signature - Interagency Agreement with Skagit Soil Conservation District.
- 2) Signature - Interagency Agreement with Cooperative Extension.
- 3) Code Enforcement Report.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Regarding Extending the Fish Net Pen Moratorium.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 29, 1992, with Commissioners Robinson, Wylie, and Vaux present.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DAVE HOUGH, ACTING DIRECTOR.

- 1) Signature - Interagency Agreement with Skagit Soil Conservation District.

Jim Freeman, Senior Watershed Planner, discussed with the Board that the Interagency Agreement with the Skagit Soil Conservation District will provide necessary information on land use in the Padilla Bay/Bayview watershed. The agreement amount will not exceed \$7,535, and will be expended from the Washington State Department of Ecology - Water Quality Financial Assistance Program Grant Agreement.

Vicki Mesman, Skagit Soil Conservation District, stated that she and Mr. Freeman had previously discussed how many farms in the watershed area will be reviewed.

Mr. Freeman presented the Agreement for the Board's signature, stating that Dave Fleming, Risk Manager, will still need to review it. The Agreement was signed by the Board and will be forwarded to Mr. Fleming for review before final processing and distribution. (Contract #01511).

- 2) Signature - Interagency Agreement with Washington State University Cooperative Extension.

Mr. Freeman presented an Interagency Agreement for the Board's signature with the WSU Cooperative Extension office. This agreement will provide the establishment of a volunteer water quality advisor master program for the Padilla Bay/Bay View Watershed. The program will provide education to small farms regarding the protection of farm land and water quality. This Agreement is grant funded at a maximum amount of \$5,520.

The Board approved and signed the Agreement as presented. (Contract #01512).

- 3) Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was presented to the Board.

- 4) Miscellaneous.

Mr. Hough discussed with the Board a draft letter to Mayor Tim Bates of Hamilton. The letter addresses the proposed Carey's Lake Annexation to the Town of Hamilton. In order for the Board of Commissioner's to waive Boundary Review Board jurisdiction on the matter there are items that must be reviewed and agreed to by the Planning Department.

These items are:

- 1) Signed No contest Agreement to sewer hook-up.
- 2) A maximum of 1 acre zoning.
- 3) Interim Urban Growth Boundary Agreement (this is done via the updated joint sphere of influence agreement which requires Board of County Commissioners signature).

The Board approved the letter to be sent to Mayor Bates.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A) The Board approved and signed the Record of the Proceedings for the week of December 7, 1992.
- B) The Board approved and signed the Record of the Proceedings for the week of December 21, 1992.
- C) The Board approved and signed a resolution adopting a Budget Line Item Change in the amount of \$800,000 for the County Roads Fund #117, and \$50,000 for the Solid Waste Fund #401.

PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING EXTENDING THE FISH NET PEN MORATORIUM.

Chairman Robinson waived the reading of the notice of public hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus.

Oscar Graham, Associate Planner, read into record the Planning Department Staff Findings regarding the proposed extension of the fish net pen moratorium. The County is in the process of amending the aquaculture provisions of the Shoreline Management Master Program. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Aquaculture voted to endorse the draft amendment at the June 4, 1992 meeting. During the Summer and Fall of 1992, the CAC and the Planning Commission met to study the draft amendment. At a Planning Commission public hearing on December 14, 1992, public testimony was taken regarding the proposed Master Program amendment. The hearing was continued to January 11, 1993, to allow further testimony and discussion. In order to extend the existing moratorium beyond December 31, 1992, it is necessary to hold a public hearing. In order for a moratorium to be up to one year in duration, a work plan must be developed for related studies. There is a proposed work plan as follows:

January - February, 1993: Complete local process through the Planning Commissions and the Board of County Commissioners.

March - July, 1993: State adoption process.

August - September, 1993: Print amended Master Program.

Mr. Graham noted that the testimony allowable at the day's hearing was to be limited to the extension of the fish net pen moratorium.

Chairman Robinson opened the hearing for public comment.

- Mr. Dale Fisher, 1614 Snee-Oosh Road, LaConner, Washington addressed the Board. Mr. Fisher stated that he belonged to Kicket Bay Organization which is a portion of Marine Environmental Consortium. He

said that a position paper had been created regarding Aquaculture and Washington's Marine Environment.

Mr. Fisher read the document into the record. It described the Marine Environmental Consortium as a non-profit umbrella group made up of 17 local environmental organizations in the Puget Sound. The document spoke against aquaculture industry and the detrimental effects created to commercial fishing, native fish stocks, and point pollution. Mr. Fisher stated that it was the request of the Kicket Bay Organization that the Board extend the moratorium for as long as legally allowable.

- Mr. Earl Cahail, Guemes Island, addressed the Board. Mr. Cahail stated that he was on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Aquaculture, and agrees with the recommendation to extend the moratorium. He said that he also agreed with the comments that Mr. Fisher provided, and requested the Board to approved the extension of the moratorium.

- Jim Hutchens, 1832 English Road, Mount Vernon, Washington, addressed the Board. Mr. Hutchens stated that he was in support of the recommendation to extend the moratorium until a revised Shoreline Management Master Program document is in place that the County and it's residents can live with and approve of.

- Francis Barcott, 1820 8th Avenue, Anacortes, Washington, addressed the Board. Mr. Barcott stated that he is very concerned with the longevity of the commercial fishing industry if fish net pen industry is to be allowed in the County. He stated that in Norway, the aquaculture industry put the commercial fishermen out of business. He requested that the Board approved the request to extend the moratorium for the longest length of time legally allowable.

Seeing and hearing no further comment, Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

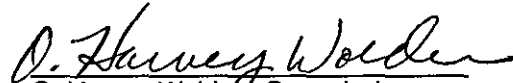
Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution extending the moratorium on fish net pens until December 31, 1993. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14698).


ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY


Robby Robinson, Commissioner


O. Harvey Wolder, Commissioner


Robert Hart, Commissioner
Chairman

ATTEST:


Connie Carter, Clerk of the Board.

