

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006**

***T** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Work Session – Skagit Instream Flow Rule

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 12, 2006, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson and Don Munks present.

WORK SESSION - SKAGIT INSTREAM FLOW RULE.

A work session was held to discuss potential impacts of the Washington Department of Ecology's proposed amendment to the Skagit River Instream Flow Rule (Chapter 173-503 WAC). Those in attendance included Public Works Hydrologist Gary Stoyka, Joe Mentor of Mentor Law Group, Corinne Story and Ron Palmer of the Public Health Department and Dan Cox of the Department of Planning and Development Services.

Mr. Stoyka explained that the Washington Department of Ecology is accepting public comments on their proposed amendment until January 20, 2006. The rule amendment will establish reservations of groundwater for future domestic withdrawals, close several tributaries to the Skagit River to further consumptive uses, and places other restrictions on the use of water in the Skagit Basin. It also provides a reservation of 10 cfs of additional water for agriculture for the Skagit mainstem basin.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners