

RESOLUTION #

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**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE YOKEKO POINT, DEWEY BEACH
AND QUIET COVE AREA AN 'AREA OF SPECIAL CONCERN' TO
REQUIRE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ONSITE SEWAGE
DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, RCW 70.05.060(1) relating to the powers and duties of boards of health provides that such boards shall: enforce through the local health officer or the administrative officer appointed under RCW 70.05.040, if any, the public health statutes of the state and rules promulgated by the state board of health and the secretary of health;

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Health Department has the authority as given in Skagit County Code 12.05.220 to designate "Areas of Special Concern," and

WHEREAS, WAC 246-272A, on site sewage rules and regulations approved by the Washington State Board of Health July 13, 2005 requires local health jurisdictions to adopt a management plan to fully implement inspections of on site sewage systems by July 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS, said implementation can take place gradually throughout Skagit County, and

WHEREAS, the Yokeko Point, Dewey Beach and Quiet Cove community is defined by the boundaries in Attachment 'A,' and

WHEREAS, the marine and surface waters within the defined boundaries are used for water recreational purposes, including recreational shellfish harvesting, and

WHEREAS, Skagit Bay and Similk Bay are listed as a Category 5 on Washington State Department of Ecology's Water Quality Assessment list (previously known as the 303(d) list); and

WHEREAS, the topography, geology and density of homes within the Yokeko Point, Dewey Beach and Quiet Cove area make it a public health risk area from improperly functioning septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the February 15, 2001 meeting minutes of an Advisory Group to the Skagit County Health Operations and Maintenance (O/M) program that was formed to guide development of the O/M program voted unanimously to advise the county and the health department to begin the process toward establishing areas of concern; and

WHEREAS, community members via the "Yokeko Point, Dewey Beach and Quiet Cove Liaison Group" have been working cooperatively with the Skagit County Health Department since December 2002 to have all property owners have operations and maintenance inspections completed on their onsite sewage disposal systems, and

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of property owners in the defined area have completed said inspections, or have had their systems repaired, or have a design approved for installation of a new onsite sewage disposal system, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to declare an Area of Special Concern for this area to ensure a continued program of adequate treatment of sewage effluent by individual onsite sewage disposal systems, and

WHEREAS, Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Skagit Valley Herald on September 8, September 15, September 22 and September 29, 2005; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Skagit County Board of Health designates the Yokeko Point, Dewey Beach and Quiet Cove area an "Area of Special Concern," and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: All property owners within the boundaries of the Yokeko Point, Dewey Beach and Quiet Cove areas as identified in Attachment "A" are to have their onsite sewage disposal systems inspected by a certified operations and maintenance specialist:


1. At least once every three years for all systems consisting solely of a septic tank and gravity subsurface soil absorption system (SSAS); or
2. Annually for all other systems unless more frequent inspections are specified by the local health officer.


WITNESS our hands and the official seal of our office this ^{10th} ~~3rd~~ day of October, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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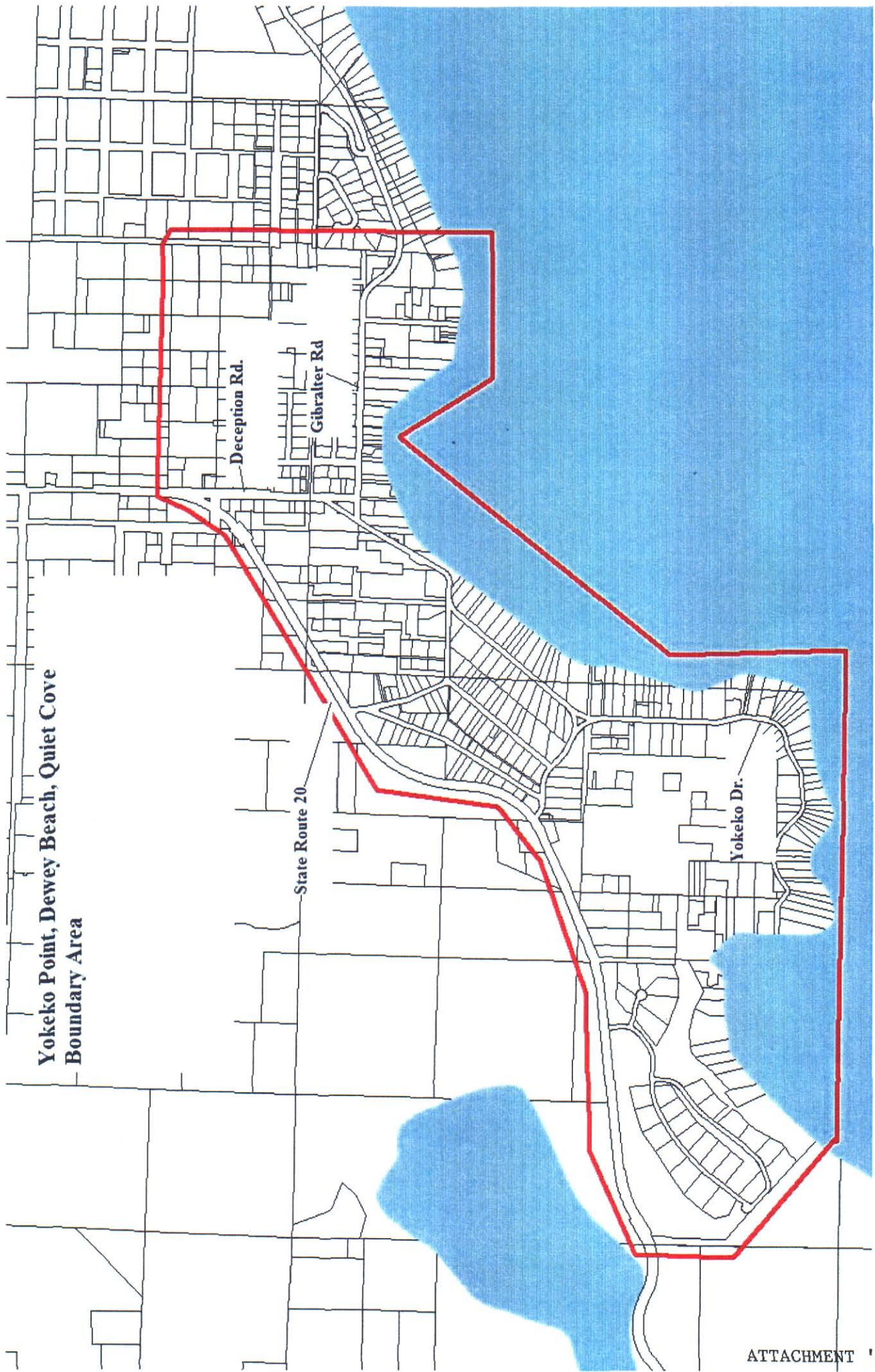


Attest:



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

**Yokeko Point, Dewey Beach, Quiet Cove
Boundary Area**



ATTACHMENT 'A'