

## **Skagit County's 2022 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and Incorporation by Reference of Existing Environmental Documentation**

**Description of Proposal:** The 2022 docket consists of amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Zoning Map, and Development Regulations under consideration through the 2021 Docket. This DNS does not include the petition for (LR22-01) Bertelsen Farms Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Map Amendment. This DNS only includes the following petitions:

- C22-1 Wind Turbine Use Amendment: add wind turbines as an allowed accessory use in the code for net metering purposes only.
- C22-2 Critical Areas Ordinance Correction: correct a reference in Skagit County Code 14.24.080(4)(c)(vi).
- C22-3 Guemes Island Overlay Side Setback Amendment: change the side setback requirements within the Guemes Island Overlay to keep the setbacks more consistent with other zones in the County.
- C22-4 Economic Development Plan Amendment: add a new goal to the Economic Development Chapter (Chapter 11) of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to ensure public facilities are eligible for state economic development grants.
- C22-5 Seawater Intrusion Areas Amendment: change the requirement for a County Hydrogeologist to review proposed new wells in a seawater intrusion area to instead allow for a licensed hydrogeologist employed or engaged with the County to perform the review.

**Proponent:** Skagit County

**Location of Proposal:** Applies to areas within the unincorporated areas of Skagit County, WA.

**Lead Agency:** Skagit County Planning & Development Services.

**Threshold Determination:** Skagit County has determined that this non-project proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of completed environmental checklists and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request and at [www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/communplan.htm](http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/communplan.htm)

This determination of non-significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of this notice. **Written**

**comments on this threshold determination must be submitted by 4:30 pm, November 10, 2022.**

**Appeals process:** Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this DNS on this legislative action. Appeals may be filed with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, following final Board of County Commissioner action on the proposal, based on written comments submitted on the DNS by the deadline noted above.

**Comments:** Comments are accepted digitally or on paper, please include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the proposal name in the subject line. Email comments are preferred and must be sent to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us). Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments. Please direct any comments concerning this threshold determination to:

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**SEPA Responsible Official:** Hal Hart, AICP, Director/Administrative Official,  
Skagit County Planning & Development Services



**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
Hal Hart, Director/Administrative Official  
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

**Date of Decision:** October 19, 2022

**Publication Date:** October 20, 2022

CC:  
SEPA Register  
City of Anacortes  
City of Burlington  
City of Mount Vernon  
City of Sedro-Woolley  
Skagit County Drainage and Irrigation District Consortium  
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