SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: A non-project legislative action to consider amendments to Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.04 *Definitions* and SCC 14.34 *Flood Damage Prevention* and SCC 14.24 *Critical Areas*. The proposed amendments revise Flood Damage Prevention and Critical Areas regulations in order to comply with the Federal Endangered Species Act as required by Federal Emergency Management Agency / National Flood Insurance Plan.

PROPONENT/LEAD AGENCY: Skagit County Planning and Development Services

APPLICABILITY: The proposed action affects lands governed by Skagit County Code Title 14 located within the unincorporated areas of Skagit County, WA.

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: Proposed Amendments to existing Skagit County Code Title 14.

DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT: Skagit County Planning and Development Services, 1800 Continental Place, Street Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or at www.skagitcounty.net

FINDINGS: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed new regulations and amendments do not have a probable 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 a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request. This DNS is issued under the provisions of WAC 197-11-630.

COMMENT PERIOD: July 5, 2011 – July 19, 2011

You may appeal this threshold determination by addressing those criteria as set forth in Skagit County Code 14.06, 14.08 and 14.12 and then by filing such with the Skagit County Planning and Development Services for service to the SEPA responsible official. Comments may also be submitted online via a standard form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments. To ensure comments are received and processed properly, comments sent by email are not accepted.

APPEAL PERIOD: None

CONTACT PERSON: Tim DeVries, Building Official, Skagit County Planning and Development Services

Date: June 28, 2011

SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Gary R. Christensen, AICP, Director of Planning

ADDRESS: 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

PHONE: (360) 336-9410

Signature:

Gary R. Christensen

cc: ECY, DOC, FEMA, NMFS, Dike Districts, Drainage Districts, Affected Cities, Affected Tribes

Transmitted to the Skagit Valley Herald on June 28, 2011 To be published on June 30, 2011