

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY, PUBLIC COMMENT and PUBLIC HEARINGS
on Skagit County's 2011 Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive
Plan and Land Use and Zoning Map**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, April 5, 2012 Skagit County will make available its 2011 proposal of amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Zoning Map. The proposal consists of the following:

Citizen-initiated Map-amendment Proposals:

1. **James Ritchie, proposal to redesignate 5.5 acre parcel (P69432) from Agriculture-Natural Resource Land (Ag-NRL) to Rural Reserve, adjacent to the Swinomish Channel (PL11-0239).**
2. **Jensen/Peck, proposal to redesignate two parcels (P35204 and P112774), totaling approximately 11 acres, from Rural Reserve to Rural Intermediate, near Bay View-Edison and Bay View roads (PL11-0240).**
3. **Lake Erie Trucking (Bill Wooding), proposal to redesignate an approximately 35 acre parcel (P19168) from Rural Resource-Natural Resource Land to Rural Reserve, on Fidalgo Island east of Rosario Road (PL11-0250).**

County-initiated Policy amendment Proposals:

- C-1. **Policy amendment proposal to further refine rezone requirements for Rural Intermediate and Rural Village land use designations.**
- C-2. **Minor "housekeeping" policy and text amendments to correct scrivener's errors.**

The proposal to be released on April 5, 2012, consists of the following:

1. **A Department report** that describes and makes a recommendation on each element of the proposal. Included are maps that show the properties included within each proposal and announcement of a public hearing on the proposals to be conducted by the Skagit County Planning Commission on May 1, 2012.

SEPA Environmental Review: A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, including supplemental sheet for non-project actions and a SEPA threshold determination of non-significance (DNS) have already been prepared and issued separately. The SEPA threshold determination was published on March 6, 2012. Written comments on the SEPA threshold determination must be received by April 6, 2012.

Copies of the Proposal: Copies of the entire proposal may be viewed on the Skagit County website at www.skagitcounty.net/planning (Annual Comprehensive Plan 2011

Docket); or may be reviewed at Skagit County Planning and Development Services, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA, weekdays between the hours of 9:00 am to noon, and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Public Review and Comment Schedule: The public is invited and encouraged to comment on this proposal by attendance, representation, and/or letter. The public review and comment period will begin on April 5, 2012. Written comments may be submitted in writing to the Skagit County Planning and Development Services Department, at the address listed below, through 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4th, 2012.

Planning Commission Public Hearing: Comments on the proposal may also be made or submitted at the public hearing before the Skagit County Planning Commission. The public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1st, 2012, in the Hearing Room of the Skagit County Commissioners Administrative Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA. The Planning Commission will meet again on June 5th, 2012, to deliberate upon the public testimony received, and formulate recommendations to be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners.

Citizens who plan to attend the public hearings that have special needs or disabilities are asked to call the office of the Board of County Commissioners at (360) 336-9300 at least 96 hours before the hearings to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

Submittal Requirements for Correspondence: Comments on the proposal must be submitted on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Maps must be in black and white and also reduced to 8 ½” x 11” size for purposes of reproduction. Submittals not meeting these requirements will not be considered. E-mail correspondence will not be accepted. Skagit County accepts comments online only through the form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments.

Please address all comments to:

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