

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

On Tuesday, November 8th, from 1:30 – 2:30 pm, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider whether proposed amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan or Comprehensive Plan Land Use/Zoning Map should be placed on the docket of annual amendments.

The public hearing will be held in the Board of Commissioners Hearing Room, Skagit County Commissioners Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. At the beginning of the hearing, the Planning and Development Services Department will briefly summarize and make docketing recommendations on the amendment proposals.

Four citizen-initiated proposals are being considered for the 2011 docket, all of them proposing to amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map:

1. James Ritchie, proposal to redesignate 5.5 acre parcel (P69432) from Ag-NRL to Rural Reserve, adjacent to the Swinomish Channel (PL11-0239).
2. Art Jensen, proposal to redesignate two parcels (P35204 and P112774), totaling approx. 11 acres, from Rural Reserve to Rural Intermediate, near Bay View-Edison and Bay View roads (PL11-0240).
3. Triton-America LLC, proposal to redesignate 47 acre parcel (P19669) from Ag-NRL to Natural Resource Industrial, north of Highway 20 and east of Swinomish Channel (PL11-0249).
4. Lake Erie Trucking (Bill Wooding), proposal to redesignate approx. 35 acre parcel (P19168) from Rural Resource-Natural Resource Land to Rural Reserve, on Fidalgo Island east of Rosario Road (PL11-0250).

The Planning and Development Services Department is proposing two Comprehensive Plan policy amendments and one amendment that may affect the Comprehensive Plan and Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan policies, text and related maps:

- 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.
- C-3. Amendment to integrate the outcome of the Bayview Ridge PUD Ordinance and Master Site Plan process into the Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan.

Docketing Process

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a separate public meeting, in the weeks following the public hearing, to make its decisions on which amendment proposals will be included in the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment docket.

If an amendment is placed on the docket, it and other docketed amendments will undergo full public, agency and environmental review, one or more public hearings before the Planning Commission on the merits of the proposal, and possible final adoption by the Board of Commissioners. This process will likely conclude by the end of 2012.

Including a proposal on the docket for further review does not guarantee its ultimate approval. Docketing merely establishes the list of amendments that will be considered in the current amendment cycle.

If the Board does not place an amendment proposal on the docket, review will stop, and the unused portion of the application fee will be refunded in accordance with the adopted fee schedule.

Questions about the docketing process may be directed to Kirk Johnson (360) 336-9410, ext. 5916.

Amendment Proposals

Information including summaries and Department docketing recommendations on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Plan Land Use/Zoning Map will be available online at www.skagitcounty.net/planning on Thursday, October 27, 2011. Application documents may also be viewed at the Planning & Development Services Department, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, between 9:00 a.m. - Noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Your views on which of the proposals should, or should not, move forward for further consideration are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. Written correspondence may be submitted by mail to: Skagit County Board of Commissioners, c/o Linda Hammons, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, or by FAX: (360) 336-9307. Written comments (faxed, mailed, or delivered) will be received at the Board of County Commissioners office until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Written comments may also be submitted during the public hearing.

Written correspondence submittal requirements. Comments on the docketing of the proposals 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 reproduction purposes. Submittals not meeting these requirements will, unfortunately, not be considered.

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.

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