

SKAGIT COUNTY
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
Skagit County's Legislative Response to the Final Decision and Order issued by
the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) in
Case No. 07-2-0025c: Friends of Skagit County, June Kite and Evergreen Islands
v. Skagit County

Description of Proposal: A non-project legislative action to consider amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, and Skagit County Code Title 14, Unified Development Code, in order to comply with the ruling of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board in the above-referenced case. The Plan and Code amendments involve the following:

- Revisions intended to place appropriate restrictions on the size and scope of owner operator / caretaker quarters through amendments to SCC 14.04.020;
- Clarifications to Plan Policies 3C-1.4 and 3C-2.1, and revisions to the list of Permitted Uses, Administrative Special Uses and Hearing Examiner Special Uses in the Rural Village Commercial (RVC), Small Scale Recreation and Tourism (SRT), Rural Intermediate (RI), Rural Village Residential (RVR), and Rural Reserve (RRv) zones to be consistent with the revised policies and to more clearly differentiate rural commercial zones from rural residential zones;
- Amendments to Comprehensive Plan Policy 3C-2.18(b) to eliminate the potential to expand LAMIRDs to include areas developed after July 1, 1990;
- The elimination of Comprehensive Plan Policy 3C-2.2(b) in its entirety; and
- Amendments to Comprehensive Plan Policy 3A-2.2 to clearly indicate that resource areas are not part of the urban area.

Location of Proposal: Lands within the unincorporated areas of Skagit County, WA

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Threshold Determination: Skagit County has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21.030(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 on request.

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

Comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 10, 2008. Pursuant to SCC 14.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

Comments: Please direct any comments concerning this threshold determination to:

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SEPA Responsible Official: Gary R. Christensen, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Signature:

Gary R. Christensen, Director/Administrative Official
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Date of Decision: September 25, 2008

cc: Washington State Dept. of Ecology, attached mailing list

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