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Notice of Availability

Including notice of written comment period

Proposal Information

Publish Date:	October 30, 2025
Proposal Name:	Skagit County 2025 Critical Areas Ordinance Update
Documents Available:	https://skagitcounty.net/2025cpa
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Robby Eckroth, AICP, Senior Planner
Public Hearing Body:	Skagit County Board of County Commissioners
Written Comment Deadline:	November 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
Possible Adoption Date:	November 25, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.

Proposal Description

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires all cities and counties in Washington to adopt regulations protecting “critical areas”. The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires Skagit County to update its Comprehensive Plans and implementing development regulations every 10 years (RCW 36.70A.130). As part of that update, the County is required to evaluate and, if needed, revise its Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Regulated critical areas include wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas

Skagit County is updating the Critical Areas Ordinance (SCC 14.24) as part of the periodic Comprehensive Plan update. Project documents including the third draft, staff report, and other materials may be found on the project website referenced above. Additional changes in the third draft are outlined in the staff report.

SEPA Threshold Determination

Skagit County determined on May 15, 2025, that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name ("Skagit County 2025 Critical Areas Ordinance Update") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Skagit County Planning and Development Services
Comments on "Skagit County 2025 Critical Areas Ordinance Update"
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: The Skagit County Board of County Commissioners is hosting meetings in the Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. You may also comment in person or via Zoom. If you wish to provide verbal testimony, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. You can also sign up to testify in person at the hearing. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

To view the live stream on Skagit21: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/TV21>

You may also attend the meeting remotely through your telephone or from your computer, tablet or smartphone with this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09>

or by calling: 1 (253) 215-8782 (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980 Passcode: 143573

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