

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE SCIENCE
ADVISORY PANEL (SAP) PROCEDURAL PROTOCOLS AS REQUIRED BY THE WESTERN
WASHINGTON GROWTH MANAGEMENT HEARING BOARD (WWGMHB) COMPLIANCE
HEARING ORDER**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Skagit County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday June 5, 2001 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, in the Skagit County Administrative Building, 700 South Second Street, Mount Vernon, Washington, for the purpose of receiving testimony and comments on the procedural protocols of the SAP as defined in Section 14.24.120 (Ongoing Agriculture on Lands Designated Ag-NRL) of the Critical Area Ordinance, (the CAO), #18069, which was adopted on November 27, 2000.

The SAP is an advisory science oversight panel made up of individuals with recognized expertise in the following disciplines, or combinations thereof: hydrology, riparian and fisheries biology, agricultural science (including crops and livestock), geomorphology, silviculture and/or botany, and water quality. The SAP membership is made up primarily of experts with scientific and local knowledge.

Your views are invited either by testimony at the public hearing or by submitting written comment. Written comment including facsimile (336-9416) may be received by the Planning and Permit Center, 200 West Washington Street, Mount Vernon, Washington. E-mails will not be considered as a means for comments. Contact person is Kendra Smith, Assistant Director.

For citizens with special needs, the Public Hearing Room is accessible. Persons with special needs or disabilities are asked to call the Commissioner's Office at 360-336-9300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange for any needed accommodations.

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