

**NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
And Board of County Commissioners
7 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007**

**Proposed compliance measures in Western Washington Growth Management Hearings
Board Order in Case No. 02-2-0012c and establishing the Salmon Heritage Program**

Notice is hereby given that the Skagit County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners will hold a joint public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible to receive public comment on a proposal to amend Skagit County Code Title 14 and associated Resolutions necessary to achieve compliance with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board Order in Case No. 02-2-0012c and to establish the Salmon Heritage Program. The hearing location is the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA. The proposal is intended to better protect salmon habitat adjacent to areas with ongoing agriculture.

On March 22, 2007 Skagit County will make available the proposed code amendments and related documents on its website at www.skagitcounty.net. The documents to be made available include:

1. Amendments to Skagit County Code Chapter 14.24 Critical Areas Ordinance
2. Amendments to Skagit County Code Chapter 14.44 Enforcement
3. A resolution amending Resolution #R20040211 Water Quality Monitoring
4. A resolution establishing the Salmon Legacy Program
5. A resolution authorizing a tax levy approval vote to fund the Salmon Legacy Program
6. Best Available Science review documents
7. Environmental documents prepared pursuant to State Environmental Policy Act.
8. Staff Report - Program Summary

SEPA Documents: The legislative actions contemplated in this proposal have received a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). These DNS determinations were issued on March 20, 2007 and published on March 22, 2007. The resolution authorizing a tax levy approval to fund the Salmon Legacy Program was determined to be categorically exempt under WAC 197-11-800 (14)(b). SEPA documents can also be viewed on www.skagitcounty.net.

Comments: March 22, 2007 will also mark the beginning of a 60-day public and agency review and comment period. During this period there will be informational open houses and a public hearing before the Planning Commission. The deadline for written comments to the Planning Commission is April 27, 2007. The Planning Commission will then formulate and forward its recommendations on the proposed code amendments to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration and possible adoption. The Board of County Commissioners will also deliberate and take action on the related resolutions listed above. The current target date for possible adoption is late May 2007, after completion of the 60-day period for public and agency review specified under GMA.

How to comment: Whether you agree or disagree with the proposal, you are encouraged to comment. Comments may be submitted in writing to Skagit County Planning and Development Services, at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273 and must be received by Friday April 27, 2007 at 4:30 p.m to be considered by the Planning Commission as part of its deliberations. Comments may also be made at the public hearing scheduled before the Skagit County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners. The 60-day review period required by GMA ends on May 21, 2007.

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

Written correspondence submittal requirements: 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 reproduction purposes. Submittals not meeting these requirements will, unfortunately, not be considered. Comments may not be submitted by e-mail. Please address your comments to: Tom Karsh, Special Projects Administrator

Informational Open Houses and Planning Commission Study Session : Informal public meetings including two open house meetings and a Planning Commission study session with staff are scheduled on this proposal at the following locations/times:

1. The Concrete Senior Center, 45821 Railroad Street, Concrete, WA. on Monday April 9, 2007 from 7- 9 p.m., and
2. The Skagit Station, 105 East Kincaid Street in Mount Vernon, WA. on Monday April 16, 2007 from 7-9 p.m.
3. Planning Commission study session with staff at the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA on Tuesday April 3, from 7-9 p.m.

Copies of the proposal: Beginning on March 22, 2007 copies of the entire proposal may be viewed on the Skagit County website at www.skagitcounty.net; or may be reviewed at Skagit County Planning and Development Services, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA. Copies will also be available for review at the Skagit County Upriver Satellite Office, 45770 A Main St., Concrete, Washington 98237, Phone: (360) 853-7009.

Copies may be ordered, for a fee, through Skagit County Planning and Development Services at 336-9410, ext. 3497. Due to the time required for reproduction, ordered copies may not be immediately available on March 22, 2007.

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