



Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Availability and Public Hearing

Including the written comment period, public hearing date, and environmental review.

Proposal Information

Publish date:	December 28, 2017
Proposal name:	Skagit County's 2018 Docket: Addition of a County-Initiated Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Amendment
Documents available at:	www.skagitcounty.net/2018CPA
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Stacie Pratschner, AICP, Senior Planner
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Board of County Commissioners
Public hearing date:	Tuesday, January 16, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Written comment deadline:	Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 4:30 p.m.
Commissioners Deliberations:	Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Proposal Description

Planning and Development Services (PDS) proposes to include an additional map amendment (item C-19) for the Board of County Commissioner's considerations for inclusion on the 2018 Docket. The land use and zoning designation of 37 privately-owned parcels totaling approximately 2759 acres in the public Open Space of Regional / Statewide Importance (OSRSI), within the boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, would be modified to the Industrial Forest – Natural Resource Lands (IF-NRL) or Natural Resource Industrial (NRI) zoning designation. This map amendment would be accompanied by the Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO) over the subject parcels where appropriate based on the MRO designation criteria.

The Department has received four citizen-initiated amendments and proposes eighteen County-initiated text amendments (one in the Comprehensive Plan and seventeen in Skagit County Code Title 14) for inclusion in this year's docket. One County-initiated map amendment (P-12: South Fidalgo Island Rezone) was deferred from the 2017 Docket for further analysis. A list of these amendments is available to view at www.skagitcounty.net/2018CPA.

The Board of County Commissioners will make a decision on which petitions to move forward (docket) for full review and potential adoption after considering public comment. The Department has analyzed the petitions pursuant to the adopted Countywide Planning Policies, the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, and Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.08 and issued a memo with recommendations. The materials from the November 21 public hearing, the December 19 deliberations, and the staff report in advance of the second public hearing on January 16 in order to consider the OSRSI map amendment are available to view at www.skagitcounty.net/2018CPA. Detailed descriptions of each proposal, Department analyses, maps showing the proposed land use map changes, and the public noticing documents are all available to view at the above-listed website.

Environmental Review (SEPA)

Pursuant to SCC 14.08.050, after the Board of County Commissioners establishes the year's docket of amendments, the County must complete environmental review of all of the proposed amendments. For a site-specific Comprehensive Plan amendment, the applicant must submit a complete environmental checklist to the County and required fees.

How to Comment

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name ("Skagit County's 2018 Docket: Addition of a County-Initiated Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Amendment") in the subject line. Comment is welcome on any of the proposed amendments. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

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

Comments on proposed "Skagit County's 2018 Docket: Addition of a County-Initiated Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Amendment"
Planning and Development Services
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

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

You may also comment in person at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. Public hearing testimony is limited to three minutes.

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.

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