

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND SEPA COMMENT PERIOD**

For
Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG)
Special Use Permit - File # **PL20-0031**

Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2020, SFEG, in partnership with landowner Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), filed a Special Use Permit application (#PL20-0031) and a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist to restore hydrologic connectivity of an approximately six acre seasonal pond in the WDFW's Skagit Forks Management Unit. Wetland/pond connectivity will be restored by re-routing outflows from Britt Slough back into the ponded wetland and by improving the outlet channel to result in more frequent backwatering from the Skagit River. The existing, man-made Britt Slough outlet will be partially filled and restored as depressional wetland habitat. Areas along the restored channel and on spoils areas will be replanted with native trees and shrubs. The project will also involve invasive weed control throughout the property. The proposed project is located within the Agriculture – Natural Resource Lands (AG-NRL) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016 and as thereafter amended. The application was determined complete for review purposes on February 11, 2020.

The project site is located riverward of a dike operated by Dike District 3 that is west of Dike Road between Britt Road and Hickox Road, Mount Vernon, within a portion of Section 36, Township 34N, Range 3E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington (P128015 & P23220).

A completed Special Use permit application, environmental checklist, site plan, and other application materials are on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. Other governmental approvals or permits that will be required for this proposal from Skagit County Planning and Development Services include: approved grading permit and approved floodplain development permit.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 2-11-20. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner will be scheduled in the future in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington for the purpose of determining whether the Hearing Examiner should approve, modify and approve or deny the application as soon as all reviews are completed. Public notification of the hearing will be made consistent with Skagit County Code 14.06.150(3). Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken on the application should notify Allison Sanders in writing of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 03-05-20. Failure to respond within the comment period could result in loss of the right to appeal. The file can be viewed at Planning and Development Services which is located at the Continental Place address listed below.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 pm on: **March 20, 2020**

Email correspondence will not be accepted, however comments may be submitted via the PDS website through the form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments

The Lead Agency expects to issue a DNS for this proposal and the Optional DNS process is being used (WAC 197-11-355). **This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.**

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