

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND SEPA COMMENT PERIOD
For
Skagit County Public Works
File # **PL23-0217**

Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2023, Jennifer Swanson, on behalf of Skagit County Public Works, filed an independent State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist (#PL23-0217) for the Bay View-Edison Road, Joe Leary Slough, Bridge deck overlay project. The project will involve a grind and overlay of the bridge deck of the Joe Leary Slough Bridge on Bay View-Edison Road, including travel lands and shoulders. Additional work below the bridge deck will include inspection behind existing gabion basket (filled with quarry spalls) reinforcements of the existing bridge abutments, repair of any existing erosion that may be undermining the existing abutments, and replacement of the gabion baskets. No work will occur below the High Tide Line at approximately 6.5 feet (NAVD88) but will occur above and adjacent to the HTL. Tide gates located approximately 750 feet downstream of the project prevent saltwater intrusion, but also result in a muted influence of surface water elevations when the tides are up and the gates are closed, preventing water from Joe Leary Slough from entering Padilla Bay. No fill or excavation is anticipated as a result of this project. The proposed project is located within the Agricultural-Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL) zoning/comprehensive plan designated areas as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016, and as thereafter amended. A letter of completeness was not issued and the application was determined to be complete for review purposes on May 8, 2023.

The project is located on the Joe Leary Slough Bridge on Bay View-Edison Road, immediately south of 8822 Bay View-Edison Road, west of 8827 Bay View-Edison Road, Bow, within a portion of Section 18, Township 35N, Range 3E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (Adjacent parcel numbers are P34465, P34469, and P34470)

A completed 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. No other governmental approvals or permits will be required for this proposal from Skagit County Planning and Development Services.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 5-8-23. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project. Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken on this application should notify Brandon Black **in writing** of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 5-11-23. 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: **May 26, 2023.**

Email correspondence **will not be accepted**, however, comments may be submitted via the PDS website under the “recent legal notices” tab. (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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