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Notice of Availability

Including notice of written comment period

Proposal Information

Publish Date: October 30, 2025

Proposal Name: Skagit County 2025 Critical Areas Ordinance Update

Documents Available: <https://skagitcounty.net/2025cpa>

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Contact Person: Robby Eckroth, AICP, Senior Planner

Public Hearing Body: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

Written Comment Deadline: November 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Possible Adoption Date: November 25, 2025 at 10:15 a.m.

Proposal Description

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires all cities and counties in Washington to adopt regulations protecting "critical areas". The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires Skagit County to update its Comprehensive Plans and implementing development regulations every 10 years (RCW 36.70A.130). As part of that update, the County is required to evaluate and, if needed, revise its Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). Regulated critical areas include wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas.

Skagit County is updating the Critical Areas Ordinance (SCC 14.24) as part of the periodic Comprehensive Plan update. Project documents including the third draft, staff report, and other materials may be found on the project website referenced above. Additional changes in the third draft are outlined in the staff report.

SEPA Threshold Determination

Skagit County determined on May 15, 2025, that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name ("Skagit County 2025 Critical Areas Ordinance Update") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Skagit County Planning and Development Services
Comments on "Skagit County 2025 Critical Areas Ordinance Update"
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

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

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