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RE: May 20, 2025, Planning Commission Deliberations – 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update
– Public Comment Summary

On May 6, 2025, the Skagit County Planning Commission held an open record public hearing on the Critical Areas Ordinance and Development Regulations update as part of the Comprehensive Plan periodic update 2025. After receiving oral testimony at the hearing, the Planning Commission closed the record for further oral comments and will hold deliberations on May 20, 2025.

In addition to receiving oral testimony at the May 8 hearing, Skagit County accepted written testimony from April 21, 2025 to May 8, 2025 on the Draft Critical Areas Ordinance and Development Regulations. Through May 8th, 30 individual comments were received.

To assist the Planning Commission as they evaluate comments received, we have prepared a high-level comment summary. **Attachment A** to this memo is a table which:

- Categorizes written comments
- Correlates the comments to specific comprehensive plan elements, where applicable
- Summarizes specific comments
- Provides a high-level response, where appropriate

The summary also lists the “Comment #” in the left-hand column. **Attachment B** includes copies of the comment letters received. Each comment letter is labeled so you can connect comments letters with the public comment summary table.

It is important to note that the summary table is not intended to provide a response to each comment within each written comment received. It is intended to assist the Planning Commission as you review comments received and deliberate on the Draft Critical Areas Ordinance and Development Regulations.

Based upon comments received, the County Staff are recommending several amendments to the draft code. They are included in **Attachment C**. We hope that this aids the Planning Commission as they evaluate comments received and make a formal recommendation on the Critical Areas Ordinance and Development Regulations update as part of the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Planning Commission is not obligated to accept the staff proposed policy amendments, and we note that the Planning Commission may have suggested policy changes to propose which are not included in Attachment C. Staff and the consultant team will be present at the deliberations to answer any questions the Planning Commission may have and provide feedback on any proposed amendments.