

Agritourism

Deliberations – Proposed Agritourism Code Amendments

Jack Moore
Planning & Development Services Director
November 18, 2025

Agritourism Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>



Agritourism Amendments - Process

Planning Commission Review Process

- **August 19 Work Session** – Community Advisory Group & Agricultural Advisory Board Agritourism Background and Recommendations
- **September 16 Work Session** – Proposed Agritourism Code Amendments
- Comment period from September 25, 2025, to October 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM.
- **October 14 Public Hearing**
- **November 18 Planning Commission Deliberations**



Agritourism Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>

Overview of Agritourism Amendments

- Agritourism definition, purpose, and intent.
- 3 levels of Agritourism based on attendance and frequency of events.
- General limitations and performance standards.
- Addresses Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.
- Prohibits Limited Event Venues, restaurants, and regularly occurring celebratory gatherings (e.g., weddings) in the Agricultural-Natural Resource Lands zone.



Agritourism Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>

Zones Proposed to Allow Agritourism

- Agricultural – Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL)
- Rural Resource – Natural Resource Lands (RRc-NRL)
- Rural Reserve (RRv)
- Rural Intermediate (RI)



Agritourism Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>

Summary of Public Comments

- 19 Comments Received Related to Agritourism
- 396 public comments were received supporting existing Agritourism business.
- PDS summarized and responded to comments in Comment Summary Matrix (linked on website below).



Agritourism Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>

Next Steps

- November 24th Board of County Commissioners Work Session
December 23rd Possible Adoption by Board of County Commissioners
- Schedule subject to change if Planning Commission needs more time to make recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.



Agritourism Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>

Questions?



Agritourism Website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>