

**SKAGIT COUNTY
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
2005 GMA UPDATE PROPOSAL**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: A non-project legislative action to consider amendments to the Skagit County Countywide Planning Policies, Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Map, Skagit County Code Title 14, Unified Development Code and Title 15, Buildings and Construction in compliance with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) update requirement found at RCW 36.70A.0130(4).

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: Lands within the unincorporated areas of Skagit County, WA.

PROPONENT/LEAD AGENCY: Skagit County Planning & Development Services.

FINDINGS: The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 60 days from the date below.

A Notice of Availability for the proposal was published on February 9, 2006, indicating that the formal release date for the proposal is February 17, 2006. Portions of the proposal were already released on the Skagit County website (www.skagitcounty.net) on February 10, 2006.

COMMENT PERIOD: The comment period on this DNS is February 17, 2006 – April 18, 2006. This is the same as the public comment period on the proposal itself.

This threshold determination may be appealed by addressing those criteria as set forth in Skagit County Code 14.06, 14.08, and 14.12.210 and then by filing such with Skagit County Planning and Development Services for service to the SEPA responsible official.

APPEAL PERIOD: April 19, 2006 – May 2, 2006.

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