

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

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Notice is hereby given that the Skagit County Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 08, 2024, beginning at 9:00 AM or soon thereafter**, using remote access technology. A hearing room shall be made available on May 10, 2024, **in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington**, for the purpose of determining the following:

- A. Hearing to review the remanded items required by the Hearing Examiner on October 6, 2023, for Special Use Permit Application PL16-0556 submitted by Bill Wooding/Pit 1 LLC/Lake Erie Pit LLC**, requesting the expansion of an existing gravel/sand mining operation from 17.78 acres to approximately 53.5 acres. Per the direction of the Hearing Examiner on remand, the applicant was required to prepare a Geologically Hazardous Site Assessment consistent with the requirements of SCC 14.24.400-.420, including but not limited to SCC 14.24.420(e) and (f), with the Hearing Examiner considering any necessary evidence and imposing any additional conditions warranted by the foregoing analysis. Additional physical investigation and analysis was to be performed to assess the north/northwest groundwater flow and potential impacts under different mine development scenarios, rather than mere validation of the inferences and methodologies used in the original Maul Foster report.

The requested item(s) were submitted to Skagit County PDS on February 29, 2024, and determined complete on April 1, 2024, following a third-party review by Facet (DCG/Watershed Company). The subject site is located within the Rural Resource-Natural Resource Lands (RRc-NRL) Zoning/ Comprehensive Plan Designated Area and designated within the Mineral Resource Overlay. The proposed mining expansion is located south of the intersection of Rosario Road and Marine Drive, Fidalgo Island, within a portion of Section 11, Township 34 North, Range 01 East, Willamette Meridian situated within unincorporated Skagit County, Washington. Subject Parcels: Existing Mine: P19108, P19162, & P19165; Expansion to Mine: P19158, P90028, P19164, P19155, P19161; Contiguous Parcels (Same Ownership): P19168, & P19163. Staff Contact: Kevin Cricchio, AICP, ISA, Senior Planner.

Your views for or against the requests are invited either by attendance, representation, or letter. Comments and/or facsimiles must be received by Planning and Development Services no

later than **4:30 PM May 7, 2024**, or be presented at the public hearing. Email comments may be submitted with the PDS website under the current legal notices tab or to the Office of the Hearing Examiner.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, please contact either Kristen Stubben at (360) 416-1103, email [kristens@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:kristens@co.skagit.wa.us) or Russell Walker at (360) 416-1154, email [russow@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:russow@co.skagit.wa.us) to sign up.

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