

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

On March 18, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. the Skagit County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider whether, or which, applications and/or proposals to amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and/or Comprehensive Plan Land Use/Zoning Map should be placed on the docket of annual amendments. If placed on the docket, a proposed amendment will undergo public, agency and environmental review, one or more public hearings before the Planning Commission, and possible final adoption by the Board of Commissioners. If the Board does not place an amendment proposal on the docket for further review, review will stop, and the unused portion of the application fee will be refunded in accordance with the adopted fee schedule. Two citizen-initiated map amendment requests, county-initiated plan amendments, 11 county-initiated map amendment proposals, and 2 subarea plans will be considered for the docket.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the Board of Commissioners Hearing Room, Skagit County Commissioners Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, in Mount Vernon.

Changes to the Comprehensive Plan can only occur once in any given year and all amendment proposals must be considered together for the purpose of determining the effects of the action as a whole. Including any proposal on the docket for further review in no way guarantees its ultimate approval. Docketing merely establishes the list of amendments that will be considered this year. Approval or denial of a docketed proposal will occur after full review and analysis occurs. More public hearings will occur at a later date for those proposals that are docketed for further review.

Information including summaries and Department docketing recommendations on all proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Plan Land Use/Zoning Map can be found online at www.skagitcounty.net or may be viewed at the Planning & Development Services Department, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Your views on which of the proposals should, or should not, move forward for further consideration by the County are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. Written correspondence may be submitted by mail to: Skagit County Planning & Development Services, c/o Carly Ruacho, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, or by FAX: (360) 336-9416. Questions may be directed to Carly Ruacho, (360) 336-9410, ext. 5582. Written comments (faxed, mailed, or delivered) will be received at the Planning & Development Services department until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2008. Written comments thereafter may be brought to and submitted during the public hearing. E-mails will not be accepted.

Written correspondence submittal requirements. Comments on the docketing of the proposals must be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper. Maps must be in black and white and also reduced to 8 ½" x 11" size for reproduction purposes. Submittals not meeting these requirements will, unfortunately, not be considered.

For citizens with special needs, the Board of Commissioners Hearing Room is accessible. Persons with special needs or disabilities are asked to call the Commissioner's Office at (360) 336-9300 at least 4 days before the hearing to discuss and arrange any needed accommodations.