



Comprehensive Plan Policy or Development Regulation Amendment Suggestion

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Per RCW 36.70A.470(2), this form is intended for use by any interested person, including applicants, citizens, hearing examiners, and staff of other agencies, to suggest amendments to Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan policies or its development regulations, which are contained in Skagit County Code Title 14. Please do not combine multiple unrelated Comprehensive Plan policy or development regulation amendments on a single form. This form is for policy or development regulation amendments; use the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request form for changes to the land use/zoning map.

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Proposal Description

Please answer all of the questions below that are applicable to your suggestion.

1. Describe your proposed amendment.

This proposal to do a comprehensive review of the mineral resource overlay from Concrete to Marblemount. There is very poor zoning with residential properties directly next to natural resource lands with the mineral resource overlay.

2. Describe the reasons your proposed amendment is needed or important.

This is important to truly preserve the quality of life of Skagit County residents and maintain viable mineral resource lands that are compatible with adjacent land uses.

3. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of the Comprehensive Plan, please identify which section(s):

Unknown at this time. More work can be done after the basic proposal is docketed.

4. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision create inconsistencies with existing sections of the Comprehensive Plan? If so, please list those sections:

Unknown at this time. More work can be done after the basic proposal is docketed.

5. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision require corresponding amendments to the County's development regulations?

Yes, likely.

6. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of Skagit County Code Title 14, please identify which section(s).

SCC 14.16 Zoning.

7. If you are suggesting this development regulation amendment as a result of a particular project or permit application, please identify which project or application:

This issue was raised as a result of the review of the Marblemount Quarry but may or may not affect that. This is a plea for the county to do a comprehensive look.

8. If you are suggesting specific language as part of your amendment, please attach that specific language. Specific language is not required.

None at this time.

9. *Describe why existing Comprehensive Plan policies should not continue to be in effect or why they no longer apply.*

Unknown at this time. More work can be done after the basic proposal is docketed.

10. *Describe how the amendment complies with the Comprehensive Plan's community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policy directives.*

Given the current zoning there are terrible conflicts between adjacent land uses that put Preserve the high quality of life, Support economic opportunities, Protect and conserve agriculture, forest and mineral resource lands, Protect and conserve the environment and ecologically sensitive areas, and preclude development and land uses which are incompatible with critical areas, and Respect property rights all at odds with each other.

11. *Describe the anticipated impacts to be caused by the change, including geographic area affected and issues presented.*

Basically I'm proposing Rockport and Marblemount zip code areas.

12. *Describe how adopted functional plans and Capital Facilities Plans support the change.*

Unknown.

13. *Describe any public review of the request that has already occurred.*

This was mentioned by Andrea Weiser at the East County Forum in Concrete on July 31.

Notices

Fees. No fees are required for a policy or code change suggestion, per SCC 14.08.020(6).

Docketing. SCC Chapter 14.08 governs the process for docketing of Comprehensive Plan amendments; suggestions for changes to the development regulations are docketed following the same process. Docketing of a suggestion is procedural only and does not constitute a decision by the Board of County Commissioners as to whether the amendment will ultimately be approved. Amendments are usually concluded by the end of the year following the request. State law generally prohibits the County from amending its Comprehensive Plan more than once per year.

Submission deadline. Suggestions must be received by the last business day of July for docketing. Suggestions received after that date will not be considered until the following year's docket.

How to Submit. Submit your suggestion via email (preferred) to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us or to Planning & Development Services at the address above.