

**Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention Proposed Amendments
Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and Incorporation by Reference of Existing
Environmental Documentation**

Description of Proposal: Amendments to the Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention code, SCC 14.34 and Definitions, SCC 14.04. A non-project legislative action to adopt an updated Flood code to comply with requested code amendments from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). These requests were in follow up to a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) that Ecology conducted with Skagit County in order to assess the County's compliance with the floodplain management minimum criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program as administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The amendments also include changes to building standards within the Coastal A zone to provide consistency with International Building Code standards.

Proponent: Skagit County Planning and Development Services

Location of Proposal: Applies to all floodplains within the unincorporated areas of Skagit County, WA.

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services.

Threshold Determination: Skagit County has determined that this non-project proposal 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). This decision was made after review of completed environmental checklists and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request and at www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/communplan.htm

This determination of non-significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of this notice. **Written comments on this threshold determination must be submitted by 4:30 pm, July 24, 2020.**

Appeals process: Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this DNS on this legislative action. Appeals may be filed with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, following final Board of County Commissioner action on the proposal, based on written comments submitted on the DNS by the deadline noted above.

Comments: Comments are accepted digitally or on paper, please include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the proposal name in the subject line. Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments. Please direct any comments concerning this threshold determination to:

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SEPA Responsible Official: Hal Hart, AICP, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services



Signature _____

Hal Hart, Director/Administrative Official
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Date of Decision: June 29, 2020

cc: Washington State Dept. of Ecology, attached mailing list