

**SKAGIT COUNTY
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
2006 CRITICAL AREA ORDINANCE UPDATE PROPOSAL**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: A non-project legislative action to consider amendments to Skagit County Code Title 14; Chapter 14.24 Critical Areas Ordinance and supporting Chapters 14.04 Definitions, 14.16 Zoning, and 14.18 Land Divisions in compliance with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) update requirements 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 March 8, 2007, indicating that the formal release date for the proposal is March 9, 2007. The proposal documents will be available on the Skagit County website (www.skagitcounty.net).

COMMENT PERIOD: The comment period on this DNS is March 9, 2007 – May 7, 2007. This is the same as the public comment period on the proposal itself.

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