



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.

- Describe your proposed amendment. Mining shall not take place within 100' (200'?) of the shoreline of a fish bearing stream or lake, or where the mining silt will drain into such waters.
- Describe the reasons your proposed amendment is needed or important. The DOE SMP Handbook, Chapter 4 refers to WAC 173-20-126 (8). Master Programs "shall include policies and regulations designed to achieve no net loss of those ecological functions."
- If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of the Comprehensive Plan, please identify which section(s): SMP in 200? Comp Plan, Section 64, Mining
- 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: It would require the zoning map to include 'natural' and forbid mining in/on miles of supposedly protected shorelines
- If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision require corresponding amendments to the County's development regulations? Yes - the Mining Code does not appear to recognize shoreline mining although the zoning map permits it.
- If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of Skagit County Code Title 14, please identify which section(s). Sections now under discussion in the Shoreline Process.
- If you are suggesting this development regulation amendment as a result of a particular project or permit application, please identify which project or application: SC cannot object to Seattle City, light mining or altering the shoreline at Diablo (see attached) if the zoning between Bacon & Copper ^{Creek} expects mining. (see attached.)
- If you are suggesting specific language as part of your amendment, please attach that specific language. Specific language is not required. Page 2 of DOE SMP handbook says "Prohibit uses that are not water dependent or preferred shoreline uses." "Require buffers and setbacks." "Establish appropriate shoreline environment designations" such as Natural.

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

Mining is destructive. I know of nowhere where shovelings are successfully reclaimed.

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

If the Skagit Valley is an endangered fish watershed, why is only the mining industry free to destroy when it is not necessary.

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

cf illustrations attached re Day Creek (2) + Upper Skagit.

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

cf Dog SAMP Handbooks.

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

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.

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ly milepost, 111.5 drive south on the gravel road. The road splits almost immediately; take the first right and stop at the locked gate. The Copper Creek Pit is just beyond the gate.

Lead Agency: Seattle City Light, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review the National Park Service's (NPS) Environmental Assessment (EA) and other information on file with Seattle City Light.

This DNS is used under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the publication date.

A copy of the DNS and EA can be obtained at no charge from Seattle City Light by calling (206) 684-43117 or by visiting the office of City Light's Environmental Affairs Division at Suite 3200, 700 Fifth Avenue in Seattle. The EA can also be found online by accessing the NPS website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=45325>. The public is invited to comment on the DNS. The comment period closes on July 31, 2015. Appeals to this determination must be made in writing and received by the Office of the Hearing Examiner, 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4000, Seattle 98104 no later than 5 pm on August 7, 2015. The mailing address is P.O. Box 94729, Seattle WA 998124-4729. The appeal should be based on specific factual objections. There is an \$85 filing fee for the appeal (check payable to City of Seattle). Contact the Hearing Examiner at 206-684-0521 or www.seattle.gov/examiner to ask about or read procedures for SEPA appeals, including electronic filing and credit/debit card payments.

**City of Seattle
Determination of
Non-Significance (DNS)
Diablo Powerhouse
Tailwater
Restoration Project
Seattle City Light
Department**

Description of the proposed Project
Seattle City Light proposes to dredge approximately 18,300 cubic yards cubic yards (CY) of material from the Skagit River (Gorge Reservoir) be-

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low the Diablo Powerhouse. The site would be accessed via a temporary access road constructed down the adjoining shoreline. Work would be isolated from the river using coffer dams and regulating reservoir water levels and water flow from Diablo Powerhouse. Dredged material would be transported to and disposed of approximately 15.5 miles south along Highway 20 at the Copper Creek Pit. The Copper Creek Pit and temporary access road would be restored following excavation and disposal. The proposed project would result in an increase of 2.3 feet of head recovery at normal average daily operating hydropower flow (i.e., 3,200 cfs). Mitigation would include: 1) the installation of large woody debris and willow cuttings along the adjacent shoreline, and 2) a series of large boulders in the outflow area of Stetattle Creek for the purpose of a "training" channel, conveying sediments to the mitigation area, and providing bull trout juvenile rearing and spawning migration staging habitat.

Proponent: Seattle City Light, Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3200, P.O. Box 34023, Seattle WA 98124-4023.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposed project is located near the town of Diablo, in Whatcom County, within the Skagit River Hydroelectric Project. From Interstate 5, take Highway 20 east towards Winthrop. Travel approximately 65 miles to a sign indicating the town of "Diablo". The highway will turn slightly right, crossing Gorge Reservoir, but continue straight to Diablo Street. Travel approximately 3,000 feet and turn right into the Gorge Campground. The cobble bar proposed for excavation is located immediately east, on the right bank of the Skagit River, along the Gorge Campground shoreline. The Copper Creek Pit is located 15.5 miles south of the excavation site along Highway 20. At approximate-





