



# Planning & Development Services

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## Notice of Availability

*including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing*

### Proposal Information

**Publish date:** October 20, 2022

**Proposal name:** Skagit County's 2022 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments

**Documents available:** [www.skagitcounty.net/2022CPA](http://www.skagitcounty.net/2022CPA)

**Lead Agency:** Skagit County Planning & Development Services

**Contact Person:** Jenn Rogers, Associate Long Range Planner

**Publichearing Body:** Skagit County Planning Commission

**Publichearing Date:** November 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Written comment deadline:** November 10, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

### Proposal Description

The Growth Management Act provides that "each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation" (RCW 36.70A.130(1)(a)) and requires Skagit County to periodically accept petitions for amendments or revisions to our Comprehensive Plan policies, land use map, and development regulations. Skagit County implements this requirement through Skagit County Code Chapter (SCC) 14.08, which describes the process for annual amendments.

The 2022 docket consists of six petitions, one citizen-initiated and five staff-initiated, to amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Zoning Map, and Development Regulations.

- LR22-01 Small Scale Recreation and Tourism Rezone: rezone four parcels, a total of 69.02 acres, from Rural Reserve to Small Scale Recreation and Tourism.

#### County initiated proposals:

- C22-1 Wind Turbine Use Amendment: add wind turbines as an allowed accessory use in the code for net metering purposes only.

- C22-2 Critical Areas Ordinance Correction: correct a reference in Skagit County Code 14.24.080(4)(c)(vi).
- C22-3 Guemes Island Overlay Side Setback Amendment: change the side setback requirements within the Guemes Island Overlay to keep the setbacks more consistent with other zones in the County.
- C22-4 Economic Development Plan Amendment: add a new goal to the Economic Development Chapter (Chapter 11) of the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to ensure public facilities are eligible for state economic development grants.
- C22-5 Seawater Intrusion Areas Amendment: change the requirement for a County Hydrogeologist to review proposed new wells in a seawater intrusion area to instead allow for a licensed hydrogeologist employed or engaged with the County to perform the review.

More information and public comments are available at the website above.

## **SEPA Threshold Determination**

Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request and at the above listed website.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the publish date indicated in the table above. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the written comment deadline (above) and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

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

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
Hal Hart, Director

**Date of Decision:** October 18, 2022

## How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us) with the proposal name (“Skagit County’s 2022 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services  
Comments on “Skagit County’s 2022 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map  
Amendments”  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above, and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. If you wish to provide verbal testimony, please send an email to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us), with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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