

Comments for 2023 Docket LR23-03 Bayview Ridge Light Industrial Rezone

Count	Last Name	First Name	Organization	Type of Comment	Method	Received Date
1	Broghan	Jessica		Concern about noise - opposed	email	10/23/2023
2	Brown	Jennifer		Concern about noise and traffic - opposed	email	10/10/2023

**1. Jessica Broghan**

My property, Parcel #20994, will be directly impacted by the development of Parcel 21003. From the diagram included in the notice to property owners dated 10/5/23, it looks as though the development will surround my property on the South and West.

In the Community information meeting, held at the Port in April, we were told that Project #1, affecting the West (and South?) side of my property, would be "Environmental Research" businesses. Does this type of business fall into the "light industrial" category the Port plans to include or has this been shelved for more 'industrial' businesses? How close to my property will these 'industrial' activities be allowed to come?

I'm very concerned about the noise that will be generated by other than "office-type" businesses--the impact of more speeding on Peterson, the possibility of more abandoned buildings (e.g., Amazon, Ashley, etc), and other safety issues when industrial areas grow. I hope the Planning Department and the Port are addressing these issues so as to protect the owners of property in the surrounding areas.

Jessica E Broghan, 16482 Peterson Road, Burlington

**2. Jennifer Brown**

As a property owner on Peterson Road, the rezoning of this parcel would create excessive noise and traffic to an area already disrupted by all the new development at the port. Peterson road

has become a thoroughfare of speeding cars, speeding delivery trucks, and more traffic than the road can handle.

We built our house in 1986 for its beautiful views and peaceful neighborhood. In the time we have lived here it has grown into an industrial nightmare. Cars do not respect the speed limit at any hour. The follow of traffic at times makes it almost impossible to even leave our house. It is only a matter of time before it becomes a dangerous accident-prone street because of this increased building activity.

This project is so close to our house that the additional noise and traffic will destroy any peace we once enjoyed since building our house. I cannot imagine what the people who live right next to this project feel. You are destroying our homes.

Industrial parks in a residential area are just begging for criminal activity. Allowing this rezoning to happen will make us feel even less safe than we already do. Our city and county first responder resources are already tapped out with the number of people and businesses that continue to expand our area.

This also creates a decrease in our property value, having an industrial park 300 feet from our house. But I can only imagine that our property taxes will not decrease as a result. This is unfair to residents who built here and live here.

Our once beautiful Skagit County cannot sustain this continued development. Our resources are maxed, our safety is in jeopardy, our peace disrupted, and this will drive more people away from the valley in hopes of escaping this encroachment. We do not need more industry in this valley. We need more safety. We need solutions for the homeless. We need to help our residents and small businesses thrive. This project will have an incredibly negative impact on our community. We urge you to reconsider this rezoning. Think of the community. Think of the beauty of the area we live in. Think about what this will do to first responders and other resources we have.

Industry and residential do not belong together. You must find another location. You must preserve what little peace we have left.

Attachment 1: Comments on LR23-03 Bayview Ridge Light Industrial Rezone

Jennifer Brown, Burlington, WA

# ATTACHEMENT 2



## Port of Skagit

October 30, 2023

Sarah Ruether  
Skagit County Planning and Development Services  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposal Rezone Portion of Parcel 21003 (LR23-03)

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the two comments received by Skagit County Planning and Development Services regarding the Port of Skagit's Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal to rezone a portion of Parcel 21003.

If approved, the Port's request will result in rezoning approximately 1 acre of P21003 from Bayview Ridge Residential to Bayview Ridge Light Industrial, creating consistent zoning with the remaining 124-acres of contiguous Port-owned property. The Port plans to develop P21003 and adjacent existing Light Industrial zoned land as Watershed Business Park. Development will occur overtime in multiple phases.

The Port's goal for Watershed Business Park is to create an economically productive business park while ensuring compatibility with neighboring residential, airport and pipeline uses. To address impacts to residential neighbors, the Port is planning:

- A 100-ft separation between residential and new development. County Code requires a 50-ft separation between residential and new commercial / industrial
- Fencing and a vegetated buffer within the 100-ft separation between residential and new commercial / industrial development to reduce visual and noise impacts, and provide a physical barrier between properties
- Truck traffic from tenants in Watershed Business Park will be required to use Higgins Airport Way
- Widening of Peterson Road adjacent to Port-owned property in order to extend the existing Peterson Road sidewalk
- New trails throughout Watershed Business Park to eventually connect with the Port's existing 10+ miles existing trail system throughout Bayview Business Park

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On April 27, 2023, the Port hosted a Community Open House to share the vision for the property and discuss early planning. Invitations were sent through a targeted mailing, to reach as many Bayview Ridge and Peterson Road neighbors as possible, and several Port staff and engineers were present to answer questions and clarify information. The attached materials conceptually depicting development areas and the 100-ft buffer were shared at the Open House and are available on the Port's website. One concept for Watershed Project 1 shared at the Open House includes expansion opportunities for value-added agriculture businesses, a growing sector at the Port of Skagit.

Bayview Ridge Light Industrial zoning provides opportunity for a variety of different uses ranging from light manufacturing to office space and the Port is taking this into account during planning to reduce impacts to residences.

Thriving industrial lands provide a variety of good-paying jobs for local residents and generate tax revenues to support local and state services. By way of example, the Port's existing Bayview Business Park provides employment for approximately 955 people in 39 diverse businesses in the aerospace, maritime, manufacturing, and value-added agriculture sectors.

It is important to the Port that we are good neighbors as we provide economic development and employment opportunities for our community.

Sincerely,



Heather A. Rogerson

Director of Planning and Development



# AERIAL PHOTO EXHIBIT



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SHEET DESCRIPTION:  
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**FOR**  
**PART OF SKAGIT COUNTY**  
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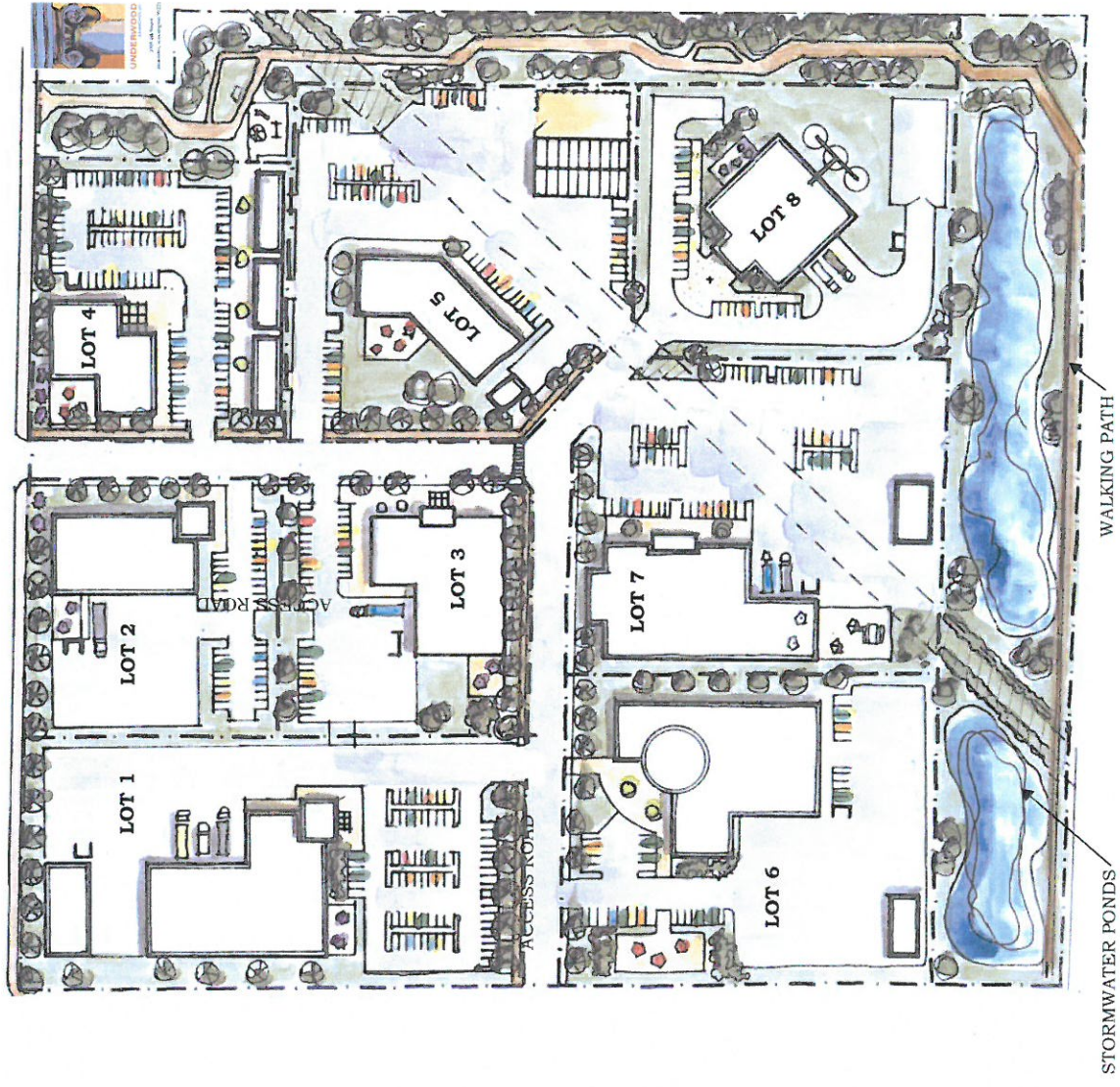












# Watershed Phase 1 Preliminary Concept

Comments for 2023 Docket C23-1 Seawater Intrusion Area Well Drilling Requirements

Count	Last Name	First Name	Organization	Type of Comment	Method	Received Date
1	Madden	Mark	4910 North Indian Village Lane Anacortes WA 98221	Opposed	Email	10/24/2023
2	Orsini	Stephen	Guemes Island Planning Advisory Committee (GIPAC)	Support	Email	10/26/2023
3	Michael			Support	Email	10/27/2023

**1. Mark Madden**

I am a licensed professional civil engineer in the State of Washington. I am opposed to the proposal in 2023 Docket C23-1 and to the similar requirements placed in the County Code for the following 3 reasons:

- **The requirement makes many building parcels worthless.**
- **The proposal analysis has false and non-relevant narrative.**
- **The claims of water issues are unfounded and based on testimony only.**

These reasons are expanded in more depth in the following paragraphs.

**The requirement makes many building parcels worthless**

The requirement to submit the location, depth, and chloride levels of surrounding wells cannot be met. Neighbors who own surrounding wells do not know this information and will most often stop anyone from collecting the information. They may prefer a vacant lot to a new building next door. A vacant lot can be viewed or used by neighbors without needing to pay taxes for their partial control.



Without surrounding well information the study requirements cannot be met. Without well digging approval no building permit will be issued. Taxpayers that have been paying building lot property taxes for years, cannot build. A non-buildable lot with heavy building lot taxes is worthless.

**The proposal analysis has false and non-relevant narrative**

The proposal analysis does not justify the huge cost or impact of requiring an unnecessary study that has never been necessary. Although I respect hardworking County staff, they did not have resources to consult with professionals or time investigate professional studies from the 1990s. Professionals required by Skagit County for well digging studies did not review the analysis. They would not agree with some of the rationale requiring expensive studies. The studies would just show well digging or water use does no harm to others.

Guemes Island has sole source aquifers. The sole source is rainwater. Rainwater is not easily contaminated. If it were contaminated it would be filtered through dirt, sand, and rocks before entering aquifers. Well digging or use has no relation to the sole source and could not change contamination issues. This part of the analysis is irrelevant.

Aquifers are so huge that 100 residential wells could not make a measurable impact on water table levels. The top one foot of the Vashon Aquifer that covers most of North Guemes contains hundreds of millions of gallons of water. Any drawdowns by residential wells are covered by the 3 to 5 billion gallons of rainwater falling on Guemes each year. Also, according to a 1990s professional study, the Vashon Aquifer is almost entirely above sea level. Seawater would have to flow uphill to intrude into wells. Most aquifers on Guemes have good water with no seawater intrusion. The analysis does not address how seawater could intrude on Guemes aquifers. An intrusion area simply means it is possible for seawater to intrude somewhere. Not everywhere.

Also, wells will not impact adjacent wells beyond their “cone of depression”. In residential wells in aquifers with moderate hydraulic conductivity soil, the impact from the “cone of depression” would rarely exceed 20 feet. Wells on Guemes are generally far apart on the large land parcels. Well drillers know where to drill.

**The claims of water issues are unfounded and based on testimony only**

Unfounded water issues have been common on Guemes Island for many years. Non-professionals have spread rumors and developed brochures advocating the shortage of water on Guemes Island as reasons to stop allowing any building development. They have pressured public agencies into making statements indicating water issues are prevalent. However, math proves that 19 inches of minimum rainfall (average 26 inches) on 8.6 square miles of Guemes is over 3 billion gallons per year. This quantity is more than adequate to replace water in aquifers removed to serve residential wells.

Many taxpayers of undeveloped building lots have been waiting years for the financial resources to build a cabin or home. They have no idea that secret forces have been working behind their back to keep them from pursuing their dreams. Current regulations are working against them. Vacant lot owners are not knowledgeable of these changes proposed. And they are not organized to oppose the small groups pushing the restrictions. These small groups pushing restrictions do not represent owners of vacant building lots on Guemes.

A few pockets on Guemes Island have experienced seawater intrusion. Mostly low elevation properties near the coast. There is no official documentation or evidence that shows that seawater intrusion has increased in the last 100 years. Rising sea levels are likely a much bigger challenge than new residential wells.

The proposed 2023 Docket C23-1 prevents vacant property owners from building but also prevents existing well owners from replacing hand dug or wells with poor water quality (chemicals, taste, or color). These owners may not be able to drill another well at a different location and a different depth. Aquifers overlap at different depths and a new location and depth could draw water from a different overlapping aquifer. Health Department tests have always required safe drinking water without the huge costs of data collection and analysis to prove nothing. The elimination of new wells will do nothing to protect existing wells. It will just harm owners of vacant building lots.

Regards,

Mark Madden, PE



4910 N Indian Village Ln.

Anacortes, WA 98221

## **2. Stephen Orsini**

The Guemes Island Planning Advisory Committee supports the language in the current Docket Item C23-1, Saltwater Intrusion Area Well Drilling Requirements to address the ongoing problem of seawater intrusion on Guemes Island. This language is necessary to address the ongoing problem of well drilling on Guemes without regard to the cumulative impact of wells exacerbating the problem of seawater intrusion and effectively transferring the senior water rights to new junior rights wells. To wit, the following section and its subsections:

(d) For Wells in a Sole Source Aquifer Area. Prior to drilling any new well in an area designated a sole source aquifer area, the information set forth in subsection (2)(a) must be submitted to the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in addressing the Saltwater Intrusion Area Well Drilling Requirements which are specific to Guemes Island.

Stephen Orsini, GIPAC Board Member

## **3. Michael**

Thanks Steve for bird dogging this for the us, well done. Like Gabe, life has gotten in the way lately so I appreciate you standing in for us. I am filling out the hall rental agreement today for our annual meeting next month and getting that back to Kathy Whitman.

Michael

Comments for 2023 Docket County Initiated - Comprehensive Plan or Code

Count	Last Name	First Name	Organization	Type of Comment	Method	Received Date
1	Sears	Tricia	DNR	In favor of change to professional definition, would like a reference to the DNR geologic portal for future plan updates	email	10/18/2023

**1. Tricia Sears**

Hello Sarah,

In keeping with the interagency correspondence principles, I am providing you with draft comments on Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan and CAO Amendments update (Commerce ID# 2023-S-6500).

I looked at the entire proposal and focused on areas related to WGS work.

There are no changes to geologically hazardous areas proposed. There are no changes related to mineral resource lands.

There are changes to the qualified professional definition. Kudos to you for making changes! Those changes look good. Note, as written the geologist must have the engineering specialty, a non-engineering geologist would not be qualified to do the geotechnical reports and geotechnical design recommendations you describe.

For consideration in your plan and code updates, and in your work in general:



- Consider adding a reference to the WGS Geologic Information Portal. If you have not checked our interactive database, the WGS Geologic Information Portal, lately, you may wish to do so. [Geologic Information Portal | WA - DNR](#)
- If you have not checked out our Geologic Planning page, you may wish to do so. [Geologic Planning | WA - DNR](#)

Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me. For your convenience, if there are no concerns or follow-up discussion, you may consider these comments to be final as of the 60-day comment deadline of 12/4/23.

Cheerio,

Tricia

Tricia R. Sears (she/her/hers)

**Geologic Planning Liaison**

Washington Geological Survey (WGS)

Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

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## Comments for 2023 Docket C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment

Count	Last Name	First Name	Organizations	Type of Comment	Method	Received Date
1	Scotfield	Charlotte	328 N. 7th Street. Mount Vernon WA 98273	Support	Email	10/24/2023
2	Hobson	Everett	24464 Old Day Creek Road. Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284		Email	10/25/2023
3	Lee	Hal	2500 S. 18th St. Mount Vernon, WA 98274	Support	Email	10/24/2023
4	Postler	Janice	1507 Meadowlark Lane Mount Vernon, WA 98273	Support	Email	10/24/2023
5	Nottingham	Louie	WSU 16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon WA 98273	Support	Email	10/26/2023
6	Pearson	Mark	SWIFT (Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow)	Support	Email	10/24/2023
7	McGoffin	Mary	268 Burrows Lane Sedro-Woolley WA 98284	Support	Email	10/24/2023



Attachment 5: Comments on C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment

8	Hixon	Matt	Not provided	Support	Email	10/24/2023
9	Klein	Paul and Lisa	Not provided	Support	Email	10/19/2023
10	Slabodnik	Ellie and Robert	754 Ferry Street Sedro-Woolley WA 98284	Support	Email	10/25/2023
11	Johnson	Robert	24497 Old Day Creek Road Sedro-Woolley WA 98284	Support	Email	10/24/2023
12	Jacob	Kip	321 Fidalgo Street Sedro-Woolley WA	Support	Email	10/26/2023
13	Loy	Kevin	Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	Support	Email	5/4/2023
14	Bishop	Jessica	19446 Park Ridge Lane Sedro-Woolley WA 98284	Support	Email	10/17/2023
15	Wheeler	Peter	3026 E Fir St, Mount Vernon, WA	Support	Email	10/26/2023
16	Baumgardner	Lydia	28651 Bacus Road, Sedro Woolley, WA	Support	Email	10/26/2023
17	Weiss	Jamie	948 Homestead Drive, Burlington, WA	Support	Email	10/26/2023
18	Sandbo	Jenny	Mount Vernon, WA	Support	Email	10/26/2023

**1. Charlotte Scofield**

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as my comment in support of the following amendment: C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment: Amends SCC 14.16.500(3) to allow trails to be a permitted use in the OSRSI zone, while trailheads are kept as an administrative special use. This will reduce some of the barriers and costs associated with building trails. As our population continues to grow, we need more trails and trailheads to improve access and reduce density of users. Trails are beneficial for so many reasons. Thank you for considering this comment.

Best,  
Charlotte

Charlotte Scofield  
328 N 7th St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273

**2. Everett Hobson**

8 of my friends and I walk 6 to 7 miles every Tuesday and Thursday on the trails in the Northern State Recreation Area, formerly known as the Northern State Mental Hospital. Yesterday near the end of our walk we met several parties including 2 busloads of school age children followed by a group of about 20 grey haired adults. This was on a cool, misty Tuesday!

This place is being added to the American Volkswalk Association list of approved walks. The local chapter, "Northwest Tulip Trekers", plans a gathering there on November 18th.

Please do not change the status of this special place.

Sincerely'  
Everett Hobson  
24464 Old Day Creek Rd, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284

### **3. Hal Lee**

I am in favor of passing the above amendment and feel that trails help create a better community. It has been well documented that when people get out in nature have a better outlook on life and less depression. Trail building organizations allow people to get together share a common goal, form friendships, and feel better part of the community.

Thank you,

Hal Lee

2500 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

Mount Vernon, WA 98274

### **4. Janice Postler**

I support Amend SCC 14.16.500(3) to remove some of the barriers and costs to building trails on public lands. As a volunteer with Skagit Trail Builders, I have been impressed with the new trails at Northern State. There are hikers of all ages using those trails, and many of them thank us when we are out there doing trail work. If you haven't hiked the trails yet, I suggest you make the time to do so. It's a treasure for Skagit County!

Please approve this amendment.

Janice L Postler

1507 Meadowlark Lane

Mt Vernon, WA 98273

### **5. Louie Nottingham**

I support C23-3 OSRSI. Amend SCC 14.16.500(3) to allow trails to be a permitted use in the OSRSI zone, while trailheads are kept as an administrative special use.

Louis Nottingham





**Louie Nottingham, Ph.D. (he/him)**

**Horticultural Crops Entomologist**

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## **6. Mark Pearson**

October 24, 2023

Skagit County Planning and Development Services

1800 Continental Place

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Subject: Comments on “Skagit County’s 2023 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments

Dear Members of Skagit County Government:

I am writing on behalf of the SWIFT (Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow) working group that is managing the trail expansion work currently being done at Northern State Recreation Area in Sedro-Woolley. We would like to express our support for the proposed amendment that would allow trails to be a permitted use in the OSRSI (Open Space, Recreation, and Scenic Improvement) zones within our county. We believe this amendment would have numerous benefits for both the community and the environment.

Trails provide many advantages to a community, including promoting physical fitness and health, connecting people with nature, and fostering a sense of community. Allowing trails as a

permitted use in OSRSI zones aligns with our county's commitment to preserving open spaces with encouraging healthy recreational opportunities for residents.

Here are six key reasons we believe this amendment is essential:

1. This amendment will help to ensure the continued success of building and maintaining primitive trail systems.
2. Trail organizations are instrumental to the success of our public lands. This amendment would help to ensure that these organizations can complete their work efficiently and in a timely manner.
3. Volunteers are the backbone of successful trail building and maintenance. This amendment would help to ensure the permitting requirements are not so arduous that they interrupt successful volunteer-led efforts.
4. The hearing examiner process for building and maintaining primitive trails is a drain of public resources and creates inefficiencies. Environmental regulation will continue to be a requirement of a staff-initiated permit process. If the trail work rises to a threshold where more process is necessary, permit staff will ensure that further research and mitigation is completed.
5. As more development occurs in Skagit County, there are fewer places for the public to experience the natural areas the Pacific Northwest is known for. All members of the public, regardless of socio-economic status, should have equal access to trails.
6. Trails have economic benefit to a region. Trails can attract visitors to our county, boosting tourism and local businesses, which can lead to economic growth.

We urge Skagit County Government to consider the positive impact that allowing trails as a permitted use in OSRSI zones can have on our community. We also encourage the government to ensure that this amendment includes responsible development and maintenance practices to protect the environment and maintain the scenic beauty of our county.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this topic and your attention to this matter. We look forward to seeing our community and trails flourish with this amendment in place.

Sincerely,

Mark Pearson, Active Living Manager

Skagit County Public Hospital District 304

Jim "JT" Taylor

Executive Director

Skagit Trail Builders

Nathan Salseina

Maintenance & Operations Supervisor

City of Sedro-Woolley Public Works

Heather Rogerson

Director of Planning and Development

Port of Skagit

**Mark Pearson, MS, MES, CSCS | Active Living Manager**

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## 7. Mary McGoffin

To the Skagit County Commissioners:

I am writing in favor of C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment: to amend SCC 14.16.500(3) to allow trails to be a permitted use in the OSRSI zone, while trailheads are kept as an administrative special use.



Volunteer trail builders provide a tremendous public service. Let the county staff determine if a trail project requires more research or mitigation. Thank you for supporting this amendment.

Mary J. McGoffin

268 Burrows Lane

Sedro Woolley WA 98284

360-770-9923

### **8. Matt Hixon**

I'm writing in support of the following amendment: "Amend SCC

14.16.500(3) to allow trails to be a permitted use in the OSRSI zone, while trailheads are kept as an administrative special use."

Thank you,

-Matt Hixon

### **9. Paul and Lisa Klein**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you in support of the C23-3 ORSI Allowed Use Amendment to allow trails in OSRSI zone, while trailheads are kept as administrative special use.

As the population continues to grow in Skagit County the use of primitive trails built by volunteer trail organizations has experienced a huge increase in use. Trail organizations and their volunteers are the backbone of trail building and maintenance when the county does not have the funds or manpower to do this. It is a great public service.

As the land is developed there are fewer places for the public to enjoy, and by allowing volunteer organizations to build trails that open public areas for use it is a benefit to the lifestyle of Skagit County.

Sincerely,

Paul and Lisa Klein

**10. Ellie and Robert Slabodnik**

Here is our re-submission - with our full mailing address.

Ellie and Robert Slabodnik

754 Ferry Street

Sedro-Woolley WA 98284

----- Original Message -----

From: ELLIE A SLABODNIK <[slabodnix@comcast.net](mailto:slabodnix@comcast.net)>

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Date: 10/25/2023 7:45 PM PDT

Subject: Skagit County's 2023 Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments: "Amend SCC 14.16.500(3)

To Ms. Sarah Ruether, Senior Planner:

**We support (C23-3 OSRSI) Allowed Uses Amendment.**

On Skagit County's 2023 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments: "Amend SCC 14.16.500(3) to allow trails to be a permitted use in the OSRSI zone, while trailheads are kept as an administrative special use."

This amendment will remove some of the barriers and costs to building community trails on public lands.

Thank you for your consideration in passing this valuable amendment.

**Robert and Ellie Slabodnik**

**Trail volunteers with Skagit Trail Builders**

754 Ferry Street

Sedro-Woolley WA 98284

**11. Robert Johnson**

I'm writing as a property owner and veteran user of the trails in this county. I would like to emphatically support C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Johnson

24497 Old Day Creek Rd, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

509-845-2933

**12. Kip Jacob**

Dear Skagit County Planning Commission,

I'm writing in support of County Initiated Proposal - OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment.

As a volunteer trail builder, maintainer, and user in Skagit county I know the positive effect and value trails bring to our county residents. As our county's population grows, a robust trail system is one of the best and most cost effective ways to help maintain Skagit county's quality of life.

Sincerely,

Kip Jacob

321 Fidalgo St.

Sedro-Woolley, WA

**13. Kevin Loy and Brian Adams**





05/4/2023

**RE: Amendment of Skagit County Code**

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board supports the amendment of SCC 14.16.500(3), allowing for trails to be an outright permitted use in the OSRSI Zone. As a greater number of lands with high recreational value are lost to development, it's important that public lands have attainable access to their open space lands. The amendment will allow us to keep costs down while creating greater efficiency.

If there is a further opportunity to create greater efficiencies by amending codes for parklands within other zoning designations, it would create consistency at a cost savings to our taxpayers. As an Advisory Board to a parks department with limited resources, we know how important it is to reduce bureaucracy and costs.

Sincerely,

Kevin Loy  
Chairman, Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Brian Adams  
Director, Skagit County Parks and Recreation

**District One:**

- Jose Rietkohl
- Greg Francioch
- Vacant

**District Two:**

- Tim Manns
- John Semrau
- Adriana Suarez

**District Three:**

- Chris Allen
- Elizabeth Detillion

1730 Centennial Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
360 416.1350 phone  
<http://skagitcounty.net/parks>

I support the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Proposal. Their work provides a beautiful environment for myself and family to enjoy the outdoors. The trails are thoughtful and seem to be built with regard to their natural surroundings. We appreciate the work of volunteers such as the Skagit Trail Builders that make these trails possible. Yes for trails!

Jessica Bishop

19776 Park Ridge Lane

Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

**Jessica Bishop**

Director of Marketing

[Scratch and Peck Feeds](#)

**15. Peter Wheeler**

I am pro expanding trails and recreational access in Skagit County and fully support the adoption of the **C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment**.

Peter Wheeler,

Mount Vernon Parks Foundation Board Member Since 2014

Mailing & Registered Voter Address

3026 E Fir St

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**16. Lydia Baumgardner**

Hello,

I'm expressing my support for simplified permitting on volunteer built trails. Please approve:

C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment: amend SCC 14.16.500(3) to allow trails to be a permitted use in the OSRSI zone, while trailheads are kept as an administrative special use.

Best regards,

Lydia Baumgardner

28651 Bacus Road

Sedro-woolley, WA 98284

**17. Jamie Weiss**

Skagit County Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for the (C23-3 OSRSI) Allowed Uses Amendment, as advocated by Skagit Trail Builders. The prospect of allowing trails as a permitted use in the OSRSI zone while maintaining trailheads as an administrative special use is a commendable initiative that has the potential to benefit our community significantly.

Trails play an essential role in connecting people with the natural beauty of Skagit County. They promote physical activity, wellness, and a sense of community. The proposed amendment to amend SCC 14.16.500(3) is a crucial step toward removing obstacles and making it easier to create and maintain these valuable trails on public lands.

I believe it will not only enhance our recreational opportunities but also contribute to the overall quality of life in our region.

I appreciate the effort put forth by Skagit Trail Builders and its volunteers in advocating for this change and am eager to show my full support for this cause.

Jamie Weiss

City Council Ward 5

948 Homestead Drive

City of Burlington, WA 98233

**18. Jenny Sandbo**

I am writing to express my support for C23-3 OSRSI Allowed Uses Amendment.

I believe that trails and greenspace are essential to the health and well-being of people and communities. Government leaders should lead the way in making it easier for communities to create access to these spaces.

Please pass the amendment!

Thank you

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